Hi, Ben ere...oh hi here. nere...on hi Mum...yes we'd love to...I'll tell Marie...no, I'm sure it will be fine

BEN GOES BACK TO WATCHING THE FOOTBALL

EARLIER THAT DAY

Christmas with my folks and Marie – great!

I wish Marie

ould get hom from shopping oh there she i

BEN HAS A QUICK FANTASY



JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Lover's **Xmas** blues

I'VE been having an affair with a married man for seven months.

Now I don't know how I'm going to get through Christmas.

Christmas.
We normally meet four times a week and I keep busy on the other nights. But I won't be able to see him for about 10 days and that's the longest since we met.
In the summer he didn't po away with his family

In the summer he didn't go away with his fam'ly for a holiday but said that he had to work. We spent an idyllic week together. But at Christmas he can't make that excuse. We really love each other, so do you think that I'll still be in the same position next year, or will he leave her?

JANE SAYS: I don't think he has any intention of leaving his wife and

leaving his wife and family.

And why should he?

He's got you for excitement and his wife for a family life...in fact he's got it all.

At the same time you have got nothing except a few stolen moments.

I doubt very much that he'll leave his wife.

he'll leave his wife.
And unless you can
bear the holiday times
like Christmas and know
you can't actually go
anywhere together,
you'll have to weigh up
whether it's worth being
with him in the long run.

MY LESBIAN SEX DREAMS

I'VE been with my bloke

I'VE been with my bloke for five years now and it's the longest time I've ever been with one person. I've never cheated on him, but now I'm finding our love life really boring. It's just the same old thing every other night. He rolls towards me in bed and says: "How about it?"

I always say "Great" and then he starts to fondle me for about five minutes before leaping on

top.
Afterwards he says
"You're gorgeous", I say
"Thanks" and then he

rolls off and goes to sleep. I've tried to inject some excitement into it, but he won't do anything adventurous, and I'm only talking about different positions.

So I've now started to think about touching and being touched by other women.

As soon as I get into hed.

women.
As soon as I get into bed I shut my eyes and start to fantasise about being naked with two or three other women who touch, kiss and lick me.

It certainly gets me excited, but I'm getting worried that I should be

thinking about other guys instead. I haven't told my

ı haven't told my boyfriend about this, and I wonder if I should.

JANE SAYS: Don't worry about it and don't feel you have to confess. Your fantasies are your own business and you shouldn't feel guilty about them.

about them.
It's quite natural to let your mind wander and the fact that you are thinking about other women doesn't mean you're a lesbian. Frankly if it makes you

excited, then great, because your sex life sounds dire, so it's no wonder that your mind has found something sensual to focus on.

Although you've tried to get your boyfriend going he doesn't seem very receptive, whatever you do.

receptive, whatever you do.

I think you are just going to have to make him see that there's more to making love than the same old thing every night.

Listen to my relevant advice line and insist that he shapes up.

I GOT married last year and it was the biggest mistake I've ever made.

I'd split up with my previous girlfriend because she got a job in Australia.

We both knew we could never have

months,but now I'm revolted by her She is grumpy, messy, bossy and disgusting.

She burps and farts all the time

She burps and farts all the time and thinks it's hilarious.

Horrible

When I ask her to stop it she just tells me that I'm boring and don't know how to have a laugh. She wasn't like this at all when we first met, but now it's got so bad that Larged house to however, with how

sexually in a way that I don't like and it's horrible.
All I can think of is my ex girl-

My best mater has now tool me snes due to fly back home for Christmas and is probably not going back to Oz. I'm doing my best to keep my marriage going.

But if I know my ex is back home I don't know if I can keep going.

JANE SAYS: It sounds to me that you are flogging a dead horse. I think you married your wife on the rebound and now you are suffering the fallout.

fallout. You're clearly not compatible and even though you are trying your best it's just not going to work. You've told your wife that you'd like her to stop burphis and farting thinking it might make a difference to how you feel about her. feel about her.

But it seems to me that even if she did make a bit of an effort, it wouldn't change how

enori, it wouldn't change how you feel. Your situation isn't helped by the fact that you are still in love with your ex and you are clearly comparing your wife to her.

to her.
It's obvious that you have lost any special feelings that you may have had for your wife.

you may have had for your wife.
Actually getting back to the place you were with her before your marriage is very hard, especially as you have someone else in your thoughts.
At the end of the day all you can do is your best.
If then your marriage is still not the relationship you want it to be, it may be best to call it a day.
Sometimes things don't work out how we want them to, despite our best efforts.

a long distance relationship.

It was devastating for both of us, but I knew I had to just get on with it.

Then I met another girl who I

friend.

My best mate has now told me she's

Then I met another giri who is thought was great. We got married within seven dread having to have sex with her. But she demands that I perform girl has hots for me **Brother's**

MY brother is really in love with his new girlfriend but she keeps coming on to me. When he goes out of the room she runs her hand up my thigh. I've had to grasp her wrist to stop her touching me intimately. She has also stuck her tongue in my ear and once made sure we can

my ear and once made sure we got stuck in a doorway where she pressed herself against me.
When I tell her to stop she just laughs and says "Come on you

her she ignores me I have no idea what my brother

sees in her, but he'd be very upset if he knew what she was like.

know you want to". I don't and no matter how many times I've told

I'm dreading her coming round

I don't want my brother to be hurt. Do you think I should tell him?

JANE SAYS: You've got to ask

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yourself, if you were in the same position would you want to know?

If the answer is yes tell him, but be prepared for your brother to accuse you of being jealous. It might be best if you just warned him on the quiet without going into gory details.

And at Christmas just make sure you're not left in the same room as she is and always keep some distance between you.

yourself, if you were in the same position would you want to

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Coping With Jealous To have a problem answered on this page, write to JUST JANE, Daily Star, 10 Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6EN



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FROM RANTS TO JOKES HE BIT



Text DSJOKE (space) name a SANTA was furious. It was Christmas Eve and everything was going wrong.

Mrs Claus had burnt the mince pies, the elves were demanding extra pay for making all the toys and the reindeer had been drinking all day and had crashed Santa's sleigh.

Santa fumed: "I've got millions of presents to deliver in just a few hours.

"The reindeer are drunk, the elves are on strike, my sleigh's broken and I haven't even got a Christmas tree—that fairy I sent out hours ago to fetch one still hasn't turned up."

Just them, the fairy walks because the does diversed.

Just then, the fairy walks through the door dragging a tree, saying: "Oi, Santa – where do you want me to stick this?"

And that's how the tradi-

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tion of fairies being stuck on top of Christmas trees began. W. A. FLINT, Bilborough, Notts.

Jokes by text... A GANG MEMBER WAS HOLDING HIS BABY, WHO SAID: "MOTHER!" EXCIT-ED, THE GUY HOLLERS TO HIS WIFE: "HEY, THE BABY JUST SAID HALF A WORD!" PANDY

PANDY
DID U HEAR ABOUT THE
BLOND TERRORIST WHO
TRIED TO BLOW UP A CAR?
HE BURNT HIS LIPS ON BURNT HIS LIPS ON EXHAUST. AARON, N. IRELAND.

ound up on **0905 235 8158**

£10 LETTER

SO supermarkets are giving pubs a batter-ing by selling cheap booze (Daily Star, December 14). Surely the answer is obvi-

Surely the answer is obvi-ous for greedy pub bosses – to cut their prices. Regular drimkers are sick of being ripped off. If pubs can't sell beer and spirits at a rea-sonable price, I hope they do go out of business – and the sooner the better.

T. L. COX,
Chester-le-Street,
Co. Durham.
POOR Ashanti (Daily
Star, December 15)! She
can watch what she eats, go to
the gym every day and no one
will ever notice the results.
That's because we'll all simply be captivated by her beautiful face. What a gorgeous
girl she is.

D. J. WH.SON

D. J. WILSON.

Doxey, Staffs.

Doxey, Staffs.

JUST as Tony Blair has no pride in his country, wanting it to be swallowed up



THERE'S a tenner for the best letter each day, and a fiver for every one we rint. Drop us a line at Readers' Letters Daily Star, 10 Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6EN.

by the EU, so Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon shows a total disregard for the tradi-tions of the British Army. After his Iraq debacles, he now wants to combine cen-

turies-old regiments.

Time for him to join David
Blunkett on the back benches.

Blunkett on the back benches.

ANDREW WARD,
Mirfield, W. Yorks.

NOW we are told we can knock six bells out of unwanted intruders in our homes, I was wondering whether that includes mothers-in-law at Christmas.

Mr DON BAINES,
Wigston Magna, Leics.

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M HOWARD JUST DOESN'T GET

IT EVERY 1 IN HIS OWN PARTY

HATES HIM NEVER MIND THE COUNTRY, CAN'T WAIT TILL ELECTION

WHEN TORIES CUM 3RD. DAVE

WHEN TORIES CUM SRD. DAVE

To Rod Munch: Turkey is not a european country! England can't cope with more migrants! jm

Caoimhin no wonder people call us thick! geography lesson – NI isn't in England, so il b keeping my nose in thanks all the same! Violet

nice 2 hear more guys wearin ladys knix keep it up. clare
im glad im gettin DVD 4 xmas. the TV this year is a lot of crap. hissy, Dumfries

Dumfries
Billy Connolly, Jonathan Ross and
Bradley Walsh – what a waste of
good oxygen! Ross is a twit. Connolly as
funny as toothache, and Walsh a talent-

how on earth did completely wood-

how on earth did completely wooden james redmond ever get on tv? casualty used 2 b good not anymore with rubbish like him. vicky

Who the hell does this nadia think she is? she wants 2 do this and b in that, what right has she got 2 do anything she is totally useless get shut now. kim along with the 1s who r going from corrie, others who shud go relliott clan, cor blimey baldwins, unshrinking violet, dour kelly + dull sean. Lisa why has nobody got a washing machine in eastenders? jimjam no wonder simon cowell didnt want

no wonder simon cowell didnt want the ace g4 to win. He already has a 4-piece group which he is grooming (swiz).



Please could we hav a pic of stunning actress Emmy Rossum. Dossie

I hope g4 bring out an album soon and wipe the floor with them. **john wood**TO X DONT SPEND BEYOND YOUR MEANS, ITS THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS. BRI

I aint no racist, but if ya gonna ban nativity because of culture then bring back traditional British culture. And ban all da foreign shite. Rule Brittania. P

And ban all da foreign shite. Rule Brittania. Jesus is dead, slaphead. That's if he was eva born. The bible cud b the bestselling book of fiction of all time 4 all we know. NEZ (Agnostie)

2 CRABLORD: good point m8 – lets celebr8 sumi whos caused less crap in da world! amen. DAN

2 percy aint god doing all them things its humans. mart

NO WONDER THERE WAS NO ROOM AT THE INN 4 JOSEPH & MARY. EVERYWHERE'S FULL AT CHRISTMAS TIME. DENGAL, STOKE

i agree with chris. Pick on the drugges not the binge drinkers. Tossers. hightower hightower

hightower
Chris dinny talk crap. Drugs r bad yeah. But more ppl die of drink + druggles 2 hi 2 do ne ting. But piss eads always shoutin n fightin. Percy
Please print a pic of corrie babe samia ghadle, she's 1 xmas prezzie i'd luv 2 unwrap. pete, wrexham
any chance of seeing Hayley and Charlee 2gether on Page 3 soon? Fab pic of Erica and Hayley y'day. Dstar ur the best! matt

1 agree with Mark from Sunday.

he best! matt
I agree with Mark from Sunday.
Where can we get hold of a Sophie
Howard calendar? DSTAR PLEASE

Where can we get now.

Howard calendar? DSTAR PLEASE
HELP. Henry

y most probs on prblm pg about
wmn chting on men? DAVE C

The Bee Poem: "Big bees fly high.
Little bees gather hone, Poor folk
do the work. Rich folk spend the money."
[Til buzz off now. Buzz buzz. RJ The
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IFTODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: What you finally decide to do in January could transform your affairs. CELEBRATING TODAY: Actors Samuel L Jackson, right, 56 and Kiefer Sutherland, 38; Actress Jane Fonda, 67.



Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU would like to slow down and have some time to unwind. Not a chance. There may also be certain functions or meetings which you'd rather not attend. As it happens, there is no reason for you to get involved. To see why you should get the seal of approval, call.,

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Taurus

(Apr 21-May 21)

THE accent is now on travel and movement, and there will be more physical interaction now. In fact, you may be expected in a multitude of places, which can be exhilarating, but also a bit harrowing. To see why you could find yourself in the middle of nowhere, call...

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Gemini

(May 22-June 22)

THE sun now moving into Capricom signifies certain individuals are looking for – or expeding – a whole range of gifts this Christmas. And there are things you can get that are modestly priced or without you having to dig too deep. To see why you may be thought of as a charifty, call...

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Cancer

(June 23-July 23)

THERE is no point spending all your time working. Besides, as the sun now enters your opposite sign of Capricorn, you may have to devote any free time you have to a partner, and the rest of the time to the family. To find out what others seem determined to do, call...

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(July 24-Aug 23)

EVERY Leo tends to handle problems differently. But it looks as though you have decided to put some distance between you and people who you have made a lot of effort for – and, who in return, have done nothing for you. To see why you haven't been given the brush off, call...

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Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

IT'S time to do what you want, and not what you think. It seems you are going on some kind of date, or expecting an important visitor. And that's probably all you are thinking about at the moment. To see why there is a certain person you can't get past, call...

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Libra
THERE is no rec

(Sep 24-Oct 23)

THERE is no reason why everyone shouldn't live in harmony. If anything, this should be a family-friendly time. Don't forget, however, that the approaching full moon in Cancer highlights career issues. To see why you are about to receive a welcome boost, call.

To receive daily texts send DSLIB to 63333 0905 072 0099 (07)

Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

THERE is a limit to how much you can spend. Chances are, however, that you may be away from home or taking a family vacation, and therefore there are certain items that you can cross off your Christmas list. To see why you must make your intentions clear, call...

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Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)

CHANCES are, you have more important financial priorities. Not only that, but you are not into the commercial side of Christmas. It not others will make a decision which could significantly affect your to see why you are about to receive the best present of all, call... To receive daily texts send DSSAG to 63333 0905 072 0099 (09) *

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20) THE sun now moves into Capricorn, so you should experience a kind of bliss as you put the past behind you. Actually, you still have a day or two to take stock, before you look at how you want to spend Christmas. To see why you ought to be joyful, not fearful, call...

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Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)

IT may be business as usual, or that you only have limited time off at Christmas. However, you should be able to avoid the seasonal chaos, or that things shouldn't be too stressful. Chances are, you might be avoiding certain people. To see why your participation is required, call... To receive daily texts send DSAQU to 63333 0905 072 0099 (11) *

Pisces

(feb 20-Mar 20)

YOU are supposed to be at your most sociable and joyous at this time of the year. And with good reason. However, the sun ving into Capricorn suggests that loved ones may be trying to get inselves noticed. To see why it should be a magical time, call...

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If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

Movers

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THE parent group of two investment firms embroiled in the split-cap investment trust debacle said

split-cap investment trust debacle said yesterday they would not be taking part in a settlement deal being brokered by the City regulator.

The Financial Services Authority is believed to be close to reaching a £200 million deal to compensate investors who are estimated to have lost as much as £600m in the split-cap scandal. But limia said its subsidiaries Exeter Asset Management and Exeter Fund managers would be "unable to participate" in any such agreement. It blamed uncertainty as to how a deal would affect Exeter's creditors.

RENE Medori, finance director of gas giant BOC Group is moving to the world of mining.

He has accepted the role of finance director for Anglo American and will leave BOC at the end of next May after 17 years with the group. Medori will take over from Tony Lea.

THE electricity out-put of embattled nuclear energy group British Energy is set

The group announced yesterday that one unit at each of its nuclear power stations, power stations,
Hartlepool and
Heysham 1, had
returned to service and
it expected the
remaining units to be
back in service soon.

GERMAN firms are falling behind their British and French counterparts when it

counterparts when it comes to growth. Only seven German companies made it into the European Business Magazine's Hot 100 ranking of fast-growth businesses, compared with 33 British and 21 Franch companies

with 33 British and 21 French companies. The magazine's January issue claimed this was because German companies had lost the will to win.

MARTIN Read, the chief executive of LogicaCMG, the IT consultancy and text message software firm, has promoted Jim McKenna to be his McKenna to be his chief operating officer. McKenna, who was already on the main board as UK and Ireland chief executive, takes over the day-to-day running of the whole group.

THE DEALER

HOT GOSSIP

BID favourite Durex condom maker SSL International eased 3p to 275p yesterday despite suggestions it could be on the shopping list of German cosmetics group Beiersdorf. Traders noted the recent fundraising as a signal that an acquisition was on the cards.

Rebels end MyTravel 1

MYTRAVEL's controversial £800 million debt restructuring to secure the company's future will go ahead after it struck a last-minute deal with rebel bondholders.

bondholders.

The bondholders accepted a deal giving them 8% of the company post-restructuring

late on Sunday night, just hours ahead of the two sides clashing in the High Court over the rescue package.

clashing in the High Court over the rescue package. MyTravel, the former **Airtours**, offered bondholders 8% in November under plans for a "consensual restructur-ing". But the bondholders, led

by Societe Generale, Lehman Brothers, Fidelity Investments and New Star decided to contest the restruc-turing, arguing it compromised their rights. Bondholders will meet to

WHO'S DEALING

SHARES in property group Slough Estates firmed 4p to 515.5p yesterday after chief executive lan Coull topped up his holding. Coull picked up 10,000 shares at 512p to increase his stake to 28,327. Finance director Richard Kingston exercised options over 96,853 shares.

LENDERS IN PROBE

■ by TONY I FONADD

BRITAIN'S £2 billion door-to-

door lending industry is under investigation.

The Competition Commission yesterday began checks into whether hundreds of thousands of people have been overcharged for their learns. loans.

The Office of Fair Trading said it had decided to refer to the home credit industry for further investigation after its own inquiries – and complaints it had received – made it suspect there was not enough competition.

received – made it suspect there was not enough competition.
There are 500 home loan suppliers but 70% of the market's hogged by four firms. The biggest player is Provident Financial, dominating nearly half of the market. The other three are Cattles, London Scottish Bank and S&U.

Trouble

The OFT said: "Competition among home credit lenders appears to be restricted, with lenders having limited incentive to compete on price or to attempt to win business by taking over other lenders' loans."

This is partly because people who take out loans are often in financial trouble and so in a poor bargaining position, the OFT said.

They also have difficulty in shopping

OFT said.

They also have difficulty in shopping around to compare the deals they are being offered.

Competition can also be restricted by collectors building up relationships with customers, making them unlikely to switch lenders.

About one in 20 adults took out a home loan last year and in all borrowers owe about £2 billion in home loans.

These tend to be small cash sums,

around £200.



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the London Stock
Exchange.
Rival group Euronext
confirmed it was considering a counter offer to
Deutsche Boerse's
£1.35 billion bid.
The LSE's shares rocketed by 23.75p to 579.75p
amid fevered market
speculation the company could eventually fall
into foreign hands for as
much as 600p a share, a
value of £1.53 billion.
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offer £1.4 billion,
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orrer £1.4 billion, although some analysts believe the group might struggle to raise the funds.

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Theodore is expected to stress the similar ways his company and the LSE are organised means Euronext can extract more savings and generate more revenues from a tie up.

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Frankfurt stock market owner Deutsche
Boerse is thought to
have the deeper pockets.

COMMUTERS are returning to the rail network after the Hatfield disaster National Express said

yesterday.

It reported a 5% hike in passenger numbers in

in passenger numbers in the year.
The firm, which runs Central Trains in Birmingham and all train services from London's Liverpool Street to East Anglia, said the growth would help it report fullyear earnings ahead of expectations. Its shares went up 13p to 799.



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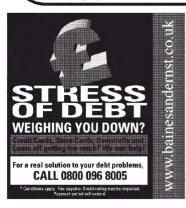
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THE Sky Sports cameras may have been packed away for the year so far as live greyhound racing is concerned, but armchair Sky Digital customers need fear not for Channel 425 continues its five-nightly weekly coverage and tonight serves up a real treat with 'industry night' at Brough Park.

Despite the feature – the £3,000 Press Association Winter Classic – being without Greyhound of the Year contenders Fire Height Dan (connections declined invite) and Farloe Verdict (reoccurrence of toe injury), the fixture has attracted a quality entry across a wide-variety of disciplines, which should result in some gripping action around the fair Newcastle gallop. gripping action around the fair Newcastle gallop

Droopys Best (10.25), winner of the East Anglian Challenge and runner-up in the Yarmouth Derby during a productive

WALTHAMSTOW TIPS

8.24 GLENARD OAK (3)
8.36 SIESTA FRISBY (5)
8.49 DROOPYS CHEEKY (nap) (6)
9.03 DABREEN (nb) (3)
9.16 ALLFOURPAWS (5)
9.29 SHAUN ME BOY (4)
9.42 ELBONY LEONARDO (6)
9.55 GLADS GIRL (4)
10.07 BELL EMPEROR (5)
10.20 ROCKAFELI A SKANK (4)

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Optimistic Henry (3)
Beltra Bravo (4)
Daphs Babe (1)
Ronnies Bridge (1)
Courts Ad Crissy (3)
Droopys Puma (5)
Dunmurry Curry (2)
Droopys Lena (2)
Harsu Fionn (1)
Seomra Rock (4)
Newlawn Lark (2) Newlawn Lark (2) Droopys Bandit (6) Windgap Lily (5)

September, has remained in great heart since and lost absolutely nothing in defeat from a tricky middle draw at Stainforth last time out.

There are no such worries for Charlie Lister's dog in the finale tonight as he goes from the covong in the finate tonight as he goes from the covered rails slot with the inclined middle Valentia Lover in two, however with the likes of Kent Derby winner Manera Spark, All-England Cup hero Tally Ho Shimmer, Drop Goal Jonny and Cathals Idol completing the line-up, victory will be far from served on a plate.

Crucially, however, Droopys Best can charge into an early lead and with his stamina proven for and above the requirements for 480m, he should take plenty of pegging back.

Betting (Hills): 7-4 Droopys Best, 9-4 Tally Ho Shimmer, 7-2 Valentia Lover, 5 Drop Goal Jonny, 10 Manera Spark, 16 Cathals Idol.

Internet Jo (8.21) lines up for his 50th race in this country, a career which started in quite spectacular fashion on 29 April 2003 here at Srough Park, when he set a new track record for the 480m trip in a graded race!

Jan Little's dog may have spent the best part of the last five months on the sidelines, but he eted rails slot with the inclined middle Valentia

the last five months on the sidelines, but he wasted no time getting back on the scoresheet at wasted to this getting back of the scotesheet at Sunderland last week and can bag the Eastwoods 500m Irish Bred Invitation over the 500m trip. Those who saw last week's Sky action from Sunderland will be only too aware of the



NET PROFIT: Follow Internet Jo tonight

NET PROFIT: Follow Internet Jo tonight affection for the middle of the track shown by Hes Our Prince, and expected repeat tactics could see Centenarys Pass (8.53) – a winner at that fixture – get the run of the 290m contest from the one box.

Farloe Divide (9.40) surprisingly didn't really seem at home around Monmore during last week's Ladbrokes Christmas Festival, but he was still good enough to take the Stayers title, and the St Leger finalist looks the one in the Stanley 640m Stayers Invitation.

This is one of the better races on the card affording Lister's dog little margin for error and he will certainly have a race on his paws if

he will certainly have a race on his paws if Zigzag Kit can get loose. But she has a tricky midfield draw again with earlybirds up her inner and that should set the race up perfectly for Farloe Divide out wide.

Ludworth Syd (ri ro) Pond Anastasia (sa **) Santo Mo Santo Maria (md ep)...... PETER BEAT JOE (wd m Correion Cade: 7.50 (IT) 1526 Flighty Duchess (f re). 2 6221 WESTON BABE (f re). 3 1144 Edeas Sweep (ep ril) 4 1322 Harvey is Back (ga ep) 5 3116 Elvick Bladle (mid ep). 5 3116 Elvick Bladle (mid ep). 5 116 Elvick Bladle (mid ep). 5 116 Elvick Fladle (mid ep). 5 117 Elvick Fladle (mid ep). 5 118 Elvick Fladle (mid ep).

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1 S231 Kelles Spartler (rg ep).
2 SS13 Elnick Rerner (mfd ro).
3 1431 Hooster Marsie (ge ep).
4 2255 Larthill Dawn (sa hr).
5 1545 Legal Claric (ep mf).
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BROUGH PARK 1 2221 Droopys Lopez (ri r 2 2216 Sir Alf (ri ep)....... 3 4421 Charfie Jamaican (r 4 1114 SOLWAY RON (mo Star bettings 2 Unoops syrue, c Charle Jamaisen, SS 448, 6 Wenne, SS 48, 6 Wenne, Talley Gold, SS 48, 6 Wenne, SS 48, 6 Wenne, Talley Gold, SS 48, 6 Wenne, SS 48, 6 Wenne, Talley Gold, SS 48, 6 Wenne, S 480m ...00.00 ...29.08 ...00.00 ...29.23 ...00.00 Star betting: 7-4 Comole Stormy, 7 Creamery Mist, Corn Gold. 9.40 (Open) 1 1S41 Lurrigs Cheer (qs.ep)... 2 14S4 Springwood Champ (ep 640m 39.42 2 14S4 Springwood Champ (e) 3 3113 Zigzag Kit (ep ro) 4 2632 Borny Betty (md ro) 5 1435 Weeton Warrior (ro wd) 6 1121 FARLOE DIVIDE (an 1121 FARLOE DIVIDE (an Star betting: 5-4 Farloe D Cheer, 5 Bonny Betty, 12 Weet Champ. Cheer, 1 Champ. 9.55 Champ. Some story, 12 Weeks 9.55 1 1112 Cod Cat (reo) 1 4322 FARLOE ME (sa ro)... 3 4323 FARLOE ME (sa ro)... 5 1414 Aschess Spander for md epl... 6 8533 Roster Smooth (edl by Star bettings 5-4 Morton Archers Spander, 8 Cod Cat, 1 Smooth. 640m 4 Soviet Haven, 5 Glenburn Bitz, 6 Dy 8,53 (Open) 1 4131 CENTENARY'S PASS (ri ey 2 1821 Hes Our Prince (ep ri) 3 2125 Newham Mossy (sa ep). 4 2224 Laser Beam (ep ro) 5 4SSS Moyries Cash (qa wd) 6 2216 Moss Harps (sa ro) Star betting: 2 Centenarys Par

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YOUR AFTERNOON BAGS CARDS WITH BEST HINTS

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1 6322	Izzit Shikaree (ep fw) Minnies Soraleda (sa ro)	31./3
2 3514	I G Parala Zada (sa ro)	21.00
3 3333 4 04FF	Hi Breck Zada (sa md)	21,90
F 4545	Goinglight Tigra (sa fw)	31.03
6 5221	ANTONS FLYER (sa op)	91.81
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		500m
1 0010	Frisby Flex (sa fw)	31.30
2 5162	Dandari (on fu)	21.42
2 4242	Dixies Venture (ro rl)	21.24
4 500E	Inch High (md ro)	21.20
5 2354	Forza Verno (na en)	31.40
6 1134	Forza Veron (qa ep) GARIG ABU (wd ro)	31 38
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11.55	(A6)	500m
1 4212	TELL ME CELTIC (rl fw)	20 40
2 6224	Cunning Miller (ri ro)	21.54
2 5040	Gloury Ben (ep md)	21.72
4 2464	Appelachi Bataan (md ep)	31 44
5 215	Bayside Lizzy (qa ep)	31.53
6 1624	Quantum Leap (wd ep)	31.56
Sto	r betting: 2 Tell Me Celtic, 3 (Cunning Miller
Appalach	i Bataan, 5 Quantum Leap, 11-2	Bayside Lizzy
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12.09	(A5)	500m
1 1542	Chestnut Shelly (qa ep)	21.20
2 2313	DRUMCROW MOLLIE (rl ep)	31 30
3 3325	Spare Pence (sa ro)	31 34
4 1632	Head Iton Blobby (sa fw)	31.35
5 1351	Tuffus China (en ro)	31.56
8 5S24	Tuftys China (ep ro)	31.26
Sta	r betting: 5-2 Salacres Flash	. 3 Head Iton
Blobby.	Drumcrow Mollie, 9-2 Spare	Pence, 11-2
Chestnut	Shelly, 13-2 Tuftys China.	
12 23	(A6)	500m
1 2335	Rooster Diaz (sa fw)	31.71
2 6333	Davids Rehel (en m)	31.51
3 4433	Davids Rebel (ep ro) Brykat Sultan (ep ro)	31,30
4 3521	Abitafulf (en md)	31.55
5 2123	LOGAN DYKE STAR (wd ro)	31.64
5 1611	Galmonian Judy (wd ga)	31.45
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7-2 Loga	n Dyke Star, 4 Davids Rebel, 5	Abitafluff, 11-2
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1 3235	BLACKHALL MARBLE (ep ro)31.50	Ш		MIMPLED	, N
2 5154	Anacartan Annie (ga ro)32.05	14.	0.4	(40)	400
3 6646	Moon Maid (sa ro)31,81	L!	.34	(A8) Moyar Gem (fw rl)	460
4 1362	Steal The Dog (md ep)31.91	1 2	4322	LENAS OSCAR (sa ep)	28.
5 5661	Izzit Cool Turink (md fw)31.72		1535	LENAS USCAH (sa ep)	20.
6 3164	Merging Traffic (sa md)31.97		3434	Pommard (ga ro) Nailers Paddy (sa wd)	20.
Sta	r betting: 11-4 Blackhall Marble, Steal The	1 6	3264	Rhincrew Christy (qa ep)	28
Dog, 3 l:	zzit Cool Twink, 5 Moon Maid, Merging Traffic.	1 6	6516	Wizard Toy (on wrl)	28
1.06	(A7) 500m	l *	Sta	Wizard Tex (ep wd)r betting: 3 Lenas Oscar, N	lailers Paddy.
1 2136	Brykat Apache (sa ro)	Me	yar Ge	ern, Wizard Tex, 4 Rhincrew C	hristy.
2 2524	Glamour Galilon (ea he) 32.05	111	1.48	(A10)	460
3 2166	Castle Barry (sa md)	1 1	3533	RI UF RALF (en m)	29
4 2212	SLEEK STRANGER (NAP) (ga ep)32.05	ĺż	3266	Nubian Kerry (sa fw) Annual Moment (ep md)	29
5 1426	Perfidia (sa fw) 31.97	1 3	6652	Annual Moment (ep md)	29
6 2435	Knocklayde Magic (wd ep)31.78	1 4	3445	Benraw Boy (sa tw)	28.
Sta	ir betting: 5-2 Brykal Apache, 3 Knocklayde	5	2634	Droopys Havisham (sa ro)	29
Magic, 7	-2 Sleek Stranger, Castle Barry, 6 Perfidia.	6	2654	Marmalade Mirx (sa fw)	29.
1.19	(A8) 500m	١.,	5ta	r betting: 9-4 Benraw Boy, 3	Nubian Kerry
	Peggy Lou (rl ep)32.08			ale, 5 Annual Moment, 11-2 N	
2 2444	Critical Stage (ep ro)	1 12	2.02	(A3)	460
3 3234	Make A Scene (md ro) 31.95	1 1	4555	Natalies Blond (qa ro)	28.
4 6241	CHARLOTTESPAVING (md qa)	2	3243	Official Cue (sa ro)	28.
5 4553	Supremacy (wd ep)	3	5232	Blind Eye (sa fw) Mustang Rock (rl ep)	28.
6 5566	Marble Spot (wd ro) 31.93	1 4	3503	Mustang Hock (rl ep)	28.
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	Wise Girl Woofa (rl ro) 31.70	11	2.16	(A8)	460
0 5005	Muncaster Sue (sa rl) 31.61	1."	2545	Annettes Star (sa ro)	400
2 0323	Glenduff Power (sa wd) 31.68	1 4	5010	Hair Danne (en hu)	20
4 2112	Oreania Flow (md ro)31.80	1 3	1435	Hair Razor (sa fw)	28
5 3431	Hurting Girl (wd ep) 31.80	1 ă	3331	Boozed Wish (oa en)	28
6 E21E	SENOR IONA (nb) (ep fw)31.65	5	6122	MUSTANG MIST (wd fw)	28
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	(A6) 500m Tuffy Club (rl ro) 31.56	1 12	2.29	Disturbance (qa ep)	460
1 1411	Tuffy Club (rl ro)31.56	1 1	5453	Disturbance (ga ep)	28.
2 3215	Wonfa Vieri (rl ep)31.52				
	SAMS SONG (ep ro)31.57	3	1664	Mustang Sherry (md ro) JENNYS JO (ep md) Queens Lady (wd fw) Fast Prankster (ep wd)	28
4 2623	Nadines Notion (md ro)31.57	4	6512	JENNYS JO (ep md)	28.
5 2644	Tooreen Lass (sa fw)31.61	5	4513	Queens Lady (wd fw)	28.
6 4661	Doonass Chief (wd qa)31.56	- 6	4633	Fast Prankster (ep wd)	28.
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0m 3.32	2 Newton	vn Best Bee.	
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3.32	1 4133	DALCASH TOWN (sa ro)	28.48
3.39	2 2555	Snakeskin Tina (sa fw)	28.62
3.38	3 1261	Foxpover Tommy (md ro)	28.58
3.30	4 3333	(A6) DALCASH TOWN (sa ro) Snakeskin Tina (sa fw) Fourcour Tommy (md ro) Fourcul Daisty (sa ro) Burbury Lad (wd fw) Gortnalour Tom (wd ro) r betting 94 Dalcash Town	28.63
ar E	5 5315	Bunbury Lad (wd fw)	28.67
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3.62		ur Tom, 5 Bunbury Lad.	
3.55	1.27	(A6)	460m
3.63	1 4513	Tracys Classic (sa ro). Farloe Heights (sa ro). GENISTA SPIRIT (ep ro). Madam Boss (sa fw). Powerfast Wiz (md ep). Petes Jaw (ep md)	28.50
3.62 rock	2 3162	Farloe Heights (sa ro)	28.53
TOUR	3 2251	GENISTA SPIRIT (ep ro)	28.59
0m	4 3344	Madam Boss (sa fw)	28.52
3.53	5 5656	Powerfast Wiz (md ep)	28.53
3,45	6 3561	Petes Jaw (ep md)	28.60
3.27	Sta	r betting: 9-4 Tracys Classic,	7-2 Madam
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	2 3454	Mustano Gem (sa fw)	28.77
	3 3313	Jakessingingwind (md ep)	28.96
	4 \$335	Dukes Lemon (md en)	28.85
-	5 4231	FOXY FIZZ (sa ro)	28.92
	6 6316	Dukes Lemon (md ep)	29.05
ч	Sta	r betting: 3 Mustang Gem,	7-2 Dobson
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	1 1245	Tilling Fun (en m)	28.88
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2	2.08	(A8) LETRIM TURBO (rl hv) Whiteriver Wing (rl ep) Johnstown Sarah (sa ro) Remember How (ep ro) Persian Jim (sa rv) Point Pleasant (ep wil)	380m	ŀ
il	2 3443	Whiteriver Wing (rl ep)	24.42	ľ
5	3 2334	Johnstown Sarah (sa ro)	24.49	Г
10,	5 3164	Persian Jim (sa tw)	24.40	ı.
g.	6 5436	Point Pleasant (ep wd)	24.50	ı
n	Wing 4	r betting: 9-4 Persian Jim, 7 Remember How, Leitrim Turbo, Po	-2 Whiteriver	ı
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19	1 3144	Slow Going (sa fw) MOYNE EXTRA (sa ro) Damo Babe (sa ro) Lanzarote Mist (md ep) Courts Ad Bifly (wd ep) Off She Blue (ga ro)	24.13	ŀ
5	2 2215	MOYNE EXTRA (sa ro)	23.96	ı
5	4 5545	Lanzarote Mist (md ep)	24.08	ı
6	5 3134	Courts Ad Billy (wd ep)	24.23	ı
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n 18	1 2432 2 1464	Annaboro Scroll (sa fw)	24,08	ı
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355	3.07		380m	ı
ıy,	1 6542	Acides Rupper (ri fac)	23.96	ı
	2 3622	Aoiles Runner (ri fw)	24.01	ı
n	3 2265	Droopys Jake (qa ep)	23.93	L
3	5 6121	Liscullane Dawn (ep ro)	23.99	ľ
9	6 3251	MAY ROCK (ga wd) r betting: 3 May Rock, 7-2 D	24.07	ı
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0 m	1 5142 2 1111	(A2) Ferndale Texan (op rl) Haughby Rooney (rl ro) Cragaknock Davy (md ep) BEARINMIND (NAP) (sa ro) Keyofthedoor (ep wd)	23.94	ı
5	3 5214	Cragaknock Davy (md ep)	23.84	ı
0	4 2246	BEARINMIND (NAP) (sa ro)	23.79	ı
n	5 3552 6 3241	Keyofthedoor (ep wd)	23.84	ı
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15	1 4663	Onus Princess (en rit	540m 34.64	ı
12	2 1566	Bravado (sa ro)	34.75	ı
15	3 6441	(S3) Opus Princess (ep rf) Bravado (sa ro) Finnigans (ep ro) Smilhs Riyer (sa md)	34.57	ľ
OR .	5 145\$	Smiths Flyer (sa md)	34.51	ŀ
2,			wd)34.50	ı
n	Board 4	r betting: 11-4 Smiths Flyer Finnigans, 9-2 Smooth Manor, Op	r, Effernogue	ŀ
8	4.08	(A2)	380m	ŀ
7	1 2165	Drumragh Tory (rl ro)	24.08	ı
3	2 3462 3 1613	Victor Correcto (sa ro)	23.85	ı
86	4 3656	Drumragh Jade (sa fw)	23.96	ı
6	5 3145 6 4155	(A2) Dnamragh Tory (fr ro). Tel Tone Gazza (sa ro) Victor Cornacho (sa md) Dnamragh Jade (sa fw). Vale Band (ep ro) TULLIG CONCORD (wd ro).	23.80	ľ
on	Sta	r betting: 11-4 Tulia Concord, 3	Vale Band, 4	ı
05	Tell Tone	Gazza, 9-2 Drumragh Tory, Victo	r Comacho, 5	ı
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4	27	(A3) 380m	r
í	5245	Mill Race Gem (ep ro) 24.07 Drumragh Eagle (rl ro) 24.14	
ż	5623	Drummach Facle (rl ro) 24.14	
3	6851	Linus Rascal (qa ep) 23.94 Almost A Diamond (sa ro) 23.91 Carden Club (qa ep) 24.07 LISCULLANE BILLY (sa ro) 23.95	2.1
ă	2521	Almost & Diamond (sa m) 23.91	1 1
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ě	3331	LISCIBLANE DELV (ea m) 23.05	3 2
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1	4623	BANGKOK CAFE (ep md)24.02	Chai
2	2145	BANGKUN CAPE (ep ma). 24.32 Ergunale (sa ro). 23.92 Knockura Mist (sa ro). 23.68 Tourna Dancer (md ep). 23.77 Jimmontoy (md ep). 23.46 Rosden Taylor (qa ep). 23.95 **pettings 3 Jimmontoys, 7-2 Banglock Cafe, 4 Mist Tourna Dancer Emunish 5 Regiden Taylor	2.3
3	2216	Knockura Mist (sa ro)23.68	1.1
4	5215	Tourna Dancer (md ep)23.77	2 6
5	5466	Jimwontpay (md ep)23.46	3 4
6	4431	Rosden Taylor (ga ep)23.95	4 6
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0	0244	Atlanta Vic (qa ro)	4 3
	Sta	r betting: 11-4 Chance A Cheque, 3 Club Atlanta Vic, 9-2 On The Side, 5 Forelacka	5 4
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4	5125	OMERBANE ROSE (sa ro)34.27	3 5
5	4165	Broadtown Gordon (ep md)34.40	4.1
6	2453	Menorcan Chick (sa ro) 34.81	5 6
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o	6651	r betting: 3 Rosnaree Flyer, Rusty Rake, 7-2	
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N	ng Jac	ket, 4 Bobs Choice, 9-2 Micks Patches.	3.5
5	.58	(A5) 380m	1 4
1	6244	Raw Jamella (ro rl)24.12	2 1
2	6233	Raw Jamella (for ft) 24.12 KOWLOON TWO (ep fw) 24.03 Phoenix Owen (sa to) 24.19 Hidden Tara (md ro) 24.16 Shark Eye (ep md) 23.83 Homa Bay (wd ep) 24.04	3 4
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1	6323	Hey Arnold (qa fw)24.10	2 2
2	1312	CHARTWELL FRISBY (sa fw)	3 2
3	4615	Lanfarian (rl ep)24.06	4 2
4	5116	Smashing Pretty (md ep)24.17	5 2
5	1251	Galtip Flyer (ga ep)23.96	6 4
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5 2431 Fine Tay (co.m)	29.80	Star bet
6 2515 Carlton Lucy (sa fw)	28.59 7-2	lcyclone, 4
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1 1555 Lively Shoes (sa ro)	28.34 3 5	5223 Farlo
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4 1622 Feder Solo (on on)	28.21 5	4516 Zar 3 1531 Cobb
5 6154 Abba Return (fw wd)	28.33	Star bet
6 4313 Newline Express (ep	wd) 28.35 Fer	toe Volcan
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5 1135 Harry Tail (sa fw)	28.15	2232 Troy 3135 Zigzi
6 4315 Kinrush Road (ep w	d)28.10	Star bet
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1 4542 rung Hyan (sa ro)	27.69	2146 Club
2 2652 Mothers Hern (ea m)	27.82 2	6166 Hop
4 2313 BILLYBROCK RRAN	E (sa fw) 27.89 3	3546 Door
5 2331 Passing Glance (sa	ro) 27.83 4 (6426 Cool
6 4522 Clover Swift (wd ep)	27.90 5	1163 Roan
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4.37	(A2)	450m
1 1656 2 5135	Massive Farce (sa ro)	27.80
3 4266	Mobbi Sam (md an)	27.01
4 4615	Omerta Meg (ro md)	27.81
5 1265	Headswood Girl (md ro)	27.99
6 6635	Mobhi Sam (md ep) Omeria Meg (ro md) Headswood Girl (md ro) Ardent Warrior (wd ro) r betting: 3 Massive Fance, 7-2 Jubi	27.89
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4.57	(A2)	450m
1 1126	Fortune Clover (se on)	27.72
2 5d14	Pagan Prince (ga en)	27.75
3 3136	Farloe Well (md ro)	27.82
4 2425	Harry Potto (ep fw)	27.85
5 3551	Zidanes Blueboy (sa ep)	27.71
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5.17	(H'cap)	640m
1 3343	Petite Prince (20m) (ep h)	38.62
2 4255	Drumsna Ridge (16m) (2)	39.84
3 1443	Fragrant Melody (9m) (fw h)	39.78
4 232 5 5564	Alicon Boot (7m) (na m)	40.00
6 1112	ALSTON SUNSHINE (Ser) (flw h)	40.07
Sta	r betting: 3 Alices Best, Alston Sun	shine, 7-2
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5.33	(A2)	450m
1 5411	BLACK BRAVE (rl ep)	27.61
2 6111	Baking Bowl (rl ep)	27.84
3 5ZZ3	Fance voicano (ep ma)	27.60
5 4516	Zar Sonnilver (mrl m)	27.65
6 1531	BLACK BRAVE (ri sp) Baking Bowl (ri sp) Baking Bowl (ri sp) Farrice Volcano (sp md) Fermiseide Breez (sp md) Zar Sonsilver (md ro) Zonsilver (md ro) Sonsilver (md ro) Sonsilver (md ro)	27.73
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1 3562	Manailla Tees (d.an)	28 03
2 6324	Mustano Hotshot (ep fw)	28.05
3 2221	INSTANT ALERT (md ep)	28.09
4 2544	Morton Martini (md ep)	28.00
5 2232	Troy Nureyev (md hw)	28.14
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6.04	ornado, 4 Mustang Hotshot, Instant A (A2) Tinas Magic (qa ro) Moneyscalp Lad (rf ep) Market Joe (rf ep) Turbo Stz (qa ro) Top Flair (qa fw) STICHIL DAN (sa fw)	450m
1 1652	Tinas Magic (ga ro)	27.90
2 4463	Moneyscalp Lad (rl ep)	28.01
3 6635 4 4331	Market Joe (rl ep)	27.92
5 1453	Too Clair (on fw)	97.05
6 3411	STICHILL DAN (sa fw)	28.02
Sta	r betting: 3 Tinas Magic, 7-2 Ma x, Stichill Dan, 4 Top Plair, 11-2 M	arket Joe,
Turbo Si	x, Stichill Dan, 4 Top Flair, 11-2 M	oneyscalp
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6.19	(A2)	450m
1 2146 2 6166	Hon It Livry (d.m)	27.72
3 3546	Dooncaha Joe (rl m)	27.72
4 6426	Coolemount Air (ep ro)	27.86
5 1163	Roarstown (wd ro)	27.84
6 5141	BOLDON JOSH (sa ro)	27.82
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YESTERDAY'S WINNERS AND PRICES

SWINDON

11.26: Polished Rogue (6) 4-1,
Hawthorn Judy (3) 5-2 fav, bf:
£17.26, tti: (6-5-3) £88.57. 11.41:
£17.26, tti: (6-5-3) £88.57. 11.41:
6-5-1) £61.49. 11.55: Mendip Racer (2)
4-1, Turkish Delight (3) 3-1, bf: £17.22, tti: (3-5-1) £61.49. 11.55: Mendip Racer (2)
4-1, Turkish Delight (3) 3-1, bf: £17.24. tti: (2-3-1) £67.46. 12.69:
6-enerous Gesture (6) £21.47.
£21.48, tti: (2-3-1) £67.46. 12.69:
£12.49, tti: (2-3-1) £67.49. 12.33:
£12.49, tti: (2-3-1) £62.59. 12.37.
£12.51. 49, tti: (2-1-2) £62.59. 12.37.
£21.58, tti: (3-2-1) £32.99. (2-3)
£21.58, tti: (3-2-1) £32.99. (2-3)
£21.58, tti: (3-2-1) £33.29. (2-3)
£21.59, tti: (3-2-1) £33.29. (3-3)
£22.59, tti: (3-2-1) £34.67. (3-3)
£22.59, tti: (3-3-4) £46.72. 1.51.
£22.59, tti: (3-3-4) £46.72. 1.51.
£23.59, tti: (3-3-4) £46.72. 1.51. **SWINDON**

1-6) £241.00, (races 6-11) £729.00.

1.34: Bussanda Top (6) 11-4, Im
A Goodun (2) 11-2, bf: £24/11, tri:
(6-2-1) £55.50, 11.48: Kilcannon
Mist (3) 7-4 fay, Pink Lint Lady (2)
9-4, bf: £6.39, tri: (3-2-1) £15.42.
1.202: Malbay Dizzy (3) 11-4, Game
And Gifted (4) 3-1, bf: £15.08, tri:
(3-4-1) £40.35. 12.16: Merry

Customer (2) 4-1. Tudges Lass (5) 5-1, br. 254.21, tri. (2.5-4) 875.65.

1. br. 254.21, tri. (2.5-4) 875.65.

1.2.29. Russanda Regal (3) 7-2, Quatorze (1) 11-4, br. £16.40, tri. (3-6) £60.73. 12.44: Sandrock Rumble (2) 6-4 fay, Lively Sandy (3) 7-2, NR. Toms Mystic (res), br. 20. NR. Toms Mystic (res), br. Blonde Mustang (6) 7-1, Head It On. Lul. (4) 2-1 fay, br. £29.83, tri. (6-4-1) £81.11. 1.12: Young Rumble (4) 7-2, Shes A Maniac (5) 6-1, NR. Lul. (4) 2-1, Tiny principle (5-1, NR. Lul. (4) 2-1, Tiny principle (5-1, NR. Lul. (4) 2-1, NR. Lul. (5) 3-1, Lul. (

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2.08: Leaway Jo (1) 3-1, Kelsos
Bonny (6) 6-1, bit £26.87; tri: (13-6-5)
£25.50. 227: Beacons Onree (3) 7-1,
Sandons Madam (5) 7-2, bit £40.85,
tri: (33-5-6) £117.94. 247. Jimity
Vavavoom (4) 3-1, Elderberry Owen
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243.14. 3.07. Bream Bock (3) 5-2,
Tenerife Dek (2) 4-1, bit £14.35, tri
3-2-4) £31.60. 3.28: Elderberry
Zola (2) 4-1, Fore Land (1) 9-2, bit
223.56, tri: (2-1-4) £691.71. 3.48:
Bellhouse Betty (6) 4-1, La Galga
4-3) £33.33. 408: Lakers Charlie (6)
4-1, Rosstemple Kid (2) 3-1, bit

\$22.01, tri: (6-2-5) \$84.29, 4.27. Elderberry Oasis (3) 5-2 fay. Saunders Slaney (1) 3-1 (del-ht 2rd.) bf: £12.24, tri: (3-1-4) £15.78, (3-1-5) £20.62, 4.48. Rycot Rose (3) 4-1, Sleaveen Rumbie (3) 9-2, bf: £23.15. Sleaveen Rumbie (3) 9-2, bf: £23.15. bf: £43.36, tri: (2-5-4) £15.12.45, £27. Minshull Ray (1) 0-4 fay. Berehaven Mango (3) 7-2, bf: £12.43, tri: (10-5-2) finishull Ray (1) 0-4 fay. Berehaven Mango (3) 7-2, bf: £12.43, tri: (10-5-2) £40.31. 5.58. Arders Minnie (4) 4-1, Hesley Turbo (1) 9-2, bf: £26.53, tri: (4-1-5) £89.09, 6.11; bf: £60.54, £20.54,

stake) (races 1-6) £256.00, (races 9-14) £277.00

WALTHAMSTOW

2.18: Joyous Maiden (4) 4-1,
Astute Gambler (1) 6-4 fav, bf.
16.17, tri. (4-1-2) £60.30, 2.37:
Flountra John (5) 1.4, Baby Storm
16.93, 2.57: Kaza Chief (8) 8-1,
Optimistic Lucky (1) 4-1, bf. £47.01,
17: (6-1-4) £120.89, 3.17: Susies
Magic (4) 4-1, Flonas Dream (2) 2-1
3.38: Brosan Bill (3) 5-1, Oncone
Oncone (1) (res) 5-2, NR: Flountra
Ned (res), bf. £24.40, tri. (3-1-5)
£88.46, 3.58: Marshals Flair (6) 4-1,
\$28,46, 3.58: Marshals Flair (6) 4-1,
\$28,46, 3.58: Marshals Flair (6) 4-1,
\$28,46, 3.58: Marshals Flair (6) 4-1,
\$40,20; All (1) 5-4 fay (46-11) 3rd),
\$40,20; All (1) 5-4 fay (46-11) 3rd),
\$41,20; All (1) 5-4 fay (46-11) 3rd),
\$42,177, 4.18: Blarney Meg (2) 4-1,

Soviet Charm (5) 7-2, bf: £27 24, tri: (2-5-3) £131.46, (5-2-4).£21.77, 4.37; (2-5-3) £131.46, (5-2-4).£21.77, 4.37; (3-1).57,

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Atlantic Quest	(2.50 Lin)	271 miles
Million Percent	(2.20 Lin)	271 miles

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GUS DES BOIS (Fontwell 2.10) is a reliable type at the small tracks and could be up to defying a penalty.

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TOJONESKI was in rear for a long way and by time made move a lot of the field had flown.This run is

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COME BYE (3.40, Fontwell) tends to find one too good in recent races.

BEST EACH WAY PERCIPIENT (3.40. Fontsuggest a place wont be out of the reckoning

MAGIC COMBINATIONS

A P McCoy rides Rob Leach (1.40) for G L Moore, previous combination 8 wins from 17 mounts 47% strike rate at Fontwell.

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J. Moore rides Sesame Rambler (12.40). Brave Caradoc (2.10). & Adatants (3.40) for G. I. Moore, previous strike rate at Fontheil.

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L. Aspell rides Dreams Forgotten (2.40). The Pt Hedger, previous combination 4 wins from 16 mounts 25% strike rate at Fontheil.

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LOOKING DANDY: Kingscliff on way to another win

 ∴ONE horse from the Alner yard to note for the future is Novacella, a three-year-old half-sister to eight times winner Marcel. Although she has been placed in listed company in France, she has a valuable maid-en status to exploit. ☆BEST MATE and Azertyulop were still among the 16 horses left in the King George at yesterday's five-day stage, though both are unlikely runners. The first three in the betting – Kicking King, Le Roi Miguel and Calling Brave are all safely in.

■ by TONY LEWIS

PREPARE for the return of the hugely talented

PREPARE for the return of the hugely talented chaser with automatic pilot. When Kingscliff returns to action in the Stan James King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day, it will herald a sigh of relief from his trainer Robert Alner and jockey Andrew Thornton as his highly promising career has been kept on ice for the best part of a year with muscular problems. Few will forget Thornton's nightmare journey round Ascot last season when the left rein broke early on and he had to just sit there bravely, almost a passenger, while the horse jumped his way to victory.

It quote rightly earned Thornton praise for one of the rides of the season and put Kingscliff firmly on the list of potential Cheltenham Gold Cup winners — especially as he'd won the Foxhunters there the season before.

Still only seven, he was unbeaten over fences before the muscle was pulled early on at Haydock in January, sending his usually sound jumping rhythm into discord as he finished second to Artic Jack in the Peter Marsh Chase when trying to concede a massive 18lb.

But all looked fine and serene with him yesterday morning, despite the icy surroundings at Alner's Locketts Farm, high above Blandford Forum in Dorset.

With a name like Kingscliff, you would expect a royal presence and the young pretender certainly didn't disappoint as he strolled round majestically on his own and posed for photos.

Now it's an anxious wait to see if he can go on the two-hour trip to Kempton, run somewhere hear to his best form and return home safely with the Gold Cup firmly in his sights. "We

have got to give him a run," said Alner. matter how fit you get them at home, there is nothing like the racecourse to put an edge on them.

"I'm not expecting to win the King George

"I'm not expecting to win the King George but he will run a big race!
"He's been off a long time. Andy came and schooled him last week and he jumped very well. He's a sensible horse to train. My wife Sally rides him a lot."

Sally rides him a lot."

Mrs Alner, however, was quick to point out
that she doesn't ride him out hunting any more
as he's a totally different character once the
adrenaline starts flowing!

adrenaline starts flowing!
"I have lost my nerve on him," she explains.
"He gets a bit strong!
"He went hunting on Thursday with the
Portman – he's been out three times already.
"Yet the other day, a cat jumped on his back
and he never moved. The cat cleaned himself
up, jumped off and Kingscliff still didn't
budge." The Alners are hoping their horse can
clean up on Boxing Day.

FIVE DAY DECLARATIONS

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9 391-19 DONTNOCK ER (17)(S) 1 Star Betting:— 8-13 Gallery God, 7-2 16 Azzemour, 20 Matthew Muroto, 25 Se 2003: Meeting aban GALLERY GOD should be up to winning twice at this course, was stepped up in class only to finish 5th to Ladalion in a Grade 2 all Sandown. Infah Legend looks her beind danger and when fell at the third last in race won by Monteforte at Chepstow and before that was nearly 22 fad to Diamond Orchid at Ludlow, Bubba Boy weakened three out when 481 6th to Miss Fahrenheit at Chepstow and more of a threat may

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L'ORPHELIN could still be ahead of the handicapper as the lifting of blinkers seems to have worked wonders. Got off the mark in emphatic style at Newton Abbot and then returned to the Newton Abbot and then returned to the lengths with forceful tactics working. Premier Estate was 4th to Cool Roxy over a slightly shorter trip here but kept ou under pressure so should be suited by today's trip. Angel Delight stuck to her task well when nearly 4l 3rd to

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bad sort a couple of years ago winning a big handicap at Sandown so if anywhere near best then could be the one they all have to beat. Hatteras is another and certainly not a lease. Fast King was 3rd

STARFORM: MAJLIS Danger: Downtherefords

TRACKFACTS Left-hand hurdle course of about a mile chase course is a figure-of-eight with five fences per circuit, and run-in of

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) M Pipe 41 winners, 35,(28%, strike rate), -225.13, P Nicholls 35,(28%, strike, rate), -225.13, P Nicholls 15,(28%, strike, rate), -225.13, P Nicholls 16, L Tizzard 11, (16%), -510.77, C Mann 9, (17%), -20.59, R Buckler 7, (10%), -212.75, B J Lickellyh 5, (23%), +540.33, S Dow 6, (26%), +52.50, P Hedger 6, (12%), -516.50, Dr P Pritchard 5, (10%), -225.75.

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Star Betting:— 2 Honey's Gift, 5 Fire Ranger, 11-2 Eau Pure, 6 Tit Philippa Yeates, 10 Bajan Girl, 12 Viva Forever, 16 Dreams Forgotten.

Philippa Yeates, 10 Bajan Girl, 12 Viva HONEY'S GIFT looks ready to strike after a promising 131 ard to De Blanc at Ludlow with Philippa Yeates down the field and should be suited by this sharp track. Belore that was 2nd to The Last Mohican at Leicester with Philippa with a fire amount of promise when 5th to Farne lele at Leicester with Titian Flame just over a length away in 6th. Eau Pure was outpaced between last 2 when 4th Fire Ranger was in buch but lost place 3rd and hampered 5th and, after mistake

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3 out was slaying on one pace when not livent 2 out but plugged on to be 4th of 12 5l behind Luminoso in Towcester selling hep hidle. Sejan Girl was in touch but hif 3 out and soon weakened to be 6th of 13 19l behind King Elder at Hurtingdon (houp, help). Dreams Forgotten was was walwaye behind to be 11th of 14 47) behind Predicament in Plumpton nov hide.

STARFORM: HONEY'S GIFT Danger: Viva Forever

THE RACES

	TONY LEWIS	STAR TIP
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10	L'ORPHELIN (nap)	1.10 L'ORPHELIN
40	ROB LEACH (nb)	1.40 HATTERAS
10	MYSON	2.10 MYSON (nap)
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(MEILER); 2.40 Gallery God 3.10 Premier Estate 1.40 Majlis 2.10 Gus Des Bois
ney's Gift 3.10 Gemi Bed 3.40 Party Games.

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PLACEPOT: First six races

STARFORM: WALCOT LAD Danger: Isam Top 3 AN BLUE SQUARE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE

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Games, Solderishire, Mickley, 10 Graye;
GREEN GAMBLE finished just ahead of
Party Games when the pair finished 2nd
and 3rd respectively to La Lambertine at
Sandown. Before that was also 2nd to
Dark Society at Kempton with Attantits 10
away in 4th and has also limished alhead
season. Come Bye boosted his chances
when running 2nd to Royal Hector hare
two weeks ago and that force has since
rattled up a four-timer. Percipient was 5th
to Mr Bon at Doncaster but did enough in

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that race to show could take a hand here. Solidiershire had every chance 2 out but was soon one pace when 2nd of 15 11 behind Oh So Brave at Stratford. Grey Shark held every chance when hit 3 out and soon ridden kept on to be 3rd of 8 40 behind Rollo at Exeter. Mickely was talied off 4th of 7 241 behind Devon View at Plumpton.

STARFORM: GREEN GAMBLE Danger: Party Games

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Dean wanted to ride best horses

DEAN Gallagher yesterday spoke of his disappointment at not being able to ride the best of Francois Doumen's horses as one of the reasons for his decision to move to rival trainer Francois Cottin.

The 35-year-old returned to the

saddle as Doumen's stable jockey in September after an 18-month ban for testing positive for

Although he rode 17 winners for the trainer, Gallagher was not given the ride on the JP McManus-owned stars Bara-

couda and First Gold, and he couda and First Gold, and he believed that accepting a gener-ous offer to join the yard of the up-and-coming Cottin would be a better move. "Mr Doumen was obviously not

happy and wanted me to stay," Gallagher.
"I understand what he has done for me and I think I have done a

good job for him, but I am a jock ey, I want to ride winners, and with JP McManus having AF ey, I want to ride winners, and with JP McManus having AP McCoy as his jockey, he rides the best horses in the yard." Cottin has made rapid progress up the training ranks and since starting in April is already fifth in the standings, and has many more runners than Doumen.

Gallagher continued: "When I

first came over here I had never heard of Francois Cottin, but it

neard of Francois Cottin, but it wasn't long before I had, with his horses passing me on the run-in. "He is unbelievably talented, he is up there with the likes of Aidan O'Brien as a young train-er," he added.



GALLAGHER: New yard

COLONEL GETS REST

COLONEL FRANK, who has won his last three chases, is to be rested until February before embarking on a campaign geared towards the Betfred Gold Cup at Sandown. Brendan Powell's gelding has shown a liking for the Esher track and on his latest start beat some of the best second-season chasers in the country in the Future Stars Chase.

Powell, mindful that Colonel Frank likes good ground, said: "I am giving him a break and he won't run again until towards the end of February." I hope that race will tee him up for the Whitbread (now the Betfred), in which he is likely to get his favoured conditions."

LIKE-A-BUTTERFLY is among the entries for the Durkan New Homes Novice Chase at Leopardstown on Boxing Day and Christy Roche's popular mare could face some of Ireland's best two-mile novices in the Grade One contest. The 10-year-old returned from over a year and a half off the track to win impressively first time out over fences at Naas last month.

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TRACKFACTS (AW) Polytrack surface. round with a 2f run-in. The draw is of little advantage but a fast start is essential. Stalls today Turf Course: Stands Side, AWT: Inside.

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Class D3 2YO 1m (11 runners)	£4,256
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3(11) 0606 GOLDEN SQUARE (18) B Meehan 9 0	
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6 (5) 0 NATIVE AMERICAN (38) M Jarvis 9 0	Henry -
7 (1) NOBELIX J Fanshawe 9 0 K	Fallon -
8 (4) OUTSIDE HALF W Musson 9 0 D Sw	
9 (7) TRYMORE A Balding 9 0	Dwyer -
10(10) ZIZZLE A Wood 9 0TP 0	
11 (2) 0000 COOMBE CENTENARY (105) S Dow 89	Quinn 17
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STARFORM: IN THE KNOW Danger: Nobel

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6 (2) 03 MICKEHAHA (13) I A Wood 9 0	M Dwyer —
8 (9) 60004 YARDSTICK (20) S Kirk 9 0	S Drowne 33
9 (1) 0 BRAMASOLE (18) J Gosden 8 9	D Fox(3) -
Star Betting:— 10-11 Humble Opinion, 4 Bra	imasole, 8 Extra Mark, 1

Bayard, Yardstick, Fidra, 16 Mickehaha, 20 others. BEST DRAWN: Mickehaha (drawn 2) 15%, Fidra (drawn 3) 12%. STARFORM: HUMBLE OPINION D: Extra Mark

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JACKPOT & PLACEPOT: First six races.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) G L
strike rate). -598.31, G A Butler 71, (20%). +520.28, B
Hannon 60, (11%). -2187.95, A Reid 49, (12%). +524.28, K
R Burke 42, (11%). +523.66, B Meehan 40, (15%). +£21.87,
J Noseda 36, (23%). +£22.53.

◀ ♠ NURSERY HANDICAP	
1.20 NURSERY HANDICAP Class D3 2YO 7f (12 runners)	£4,115
1 (2) 05511 KINGSGATE BAY (21)(C,A,G) J R Best 9 7	
2(11) 060 JUST A TRY (109) R Hannon 8 11	
3 (3) 13053 MANIC (7)(A) A Reid 8 10	S Drowne 36
4 (8) 00565 PAULINE'S PRINCE (25)(D,A)(P) R Holinshead 8 8	D Sweeney 43
5 (4) 0040 AMIGRA (41) Miss J S Dovie 8 7	
6 (5) 10625 BEAU MARCHE (18)(G) A Wood 8 6	T P Queally 46
7 (1) 56221 KING AFTER (15)(C,D,A) J R Best 8 5	M Dwyer 34
8(10) 00500 TERMINATE (24) N Callaghan 8 4	E Ahern 27
9 (9) 06426 JOYEAUX (11) S Keightley 8 3	A Kirby(7) 13
10(12) 01030 WILTSHIRE (7)(F)(B) D Flood 8 1	_J Mackay *52
11 (7) 22040 RONNIES LAD (6)(F) A Reid 8 0	(cDonald(3) 24
12 (6) 06542 SAVOY CHAPEL (7) A Carrol 7 12	T Dean(7) 38
LONG HANDICAP: Savoy Chapel 7-7.	
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Star Betting:— 3 Kingsgate Bay, 7-2 King After, 7 Manic, 8 Joye 10 Pauline's Prince, Beau Marche, Savoy Chapel, 12 others. BEST DRAWN: Wiltshire (drawn 12) & Joyeaux (drawn 9) 17%.

STARFORM: BEAU MARCHE D: Kings CROWN CENTRAL CLASSIFIED STAKES

		U	Class E3 7f (14 runners) £3,4	126	
ı	10)	34421	ALI BRUCE (5)(D,A) G L Moore 4 9 8	34	
	(8)	42000	HURRICANE FLOYD (17)(F) D Flood 6 9 5	33	
				36	
			QUEENSTOWN (94)(D.F) B Pearce 3 9 5	48 31	
ĺ	13)	02021	PORT ST CHARLES (14)(A,F,S) P Charrings 794 T Quinn ZARIANO (17)(F) S Keightley 494 R Haylin	36 18	
	(1)	00450	RUSSIAN APPLAUSE (5) P Chamings 4 9 3 S Hitchcott	_	
	(9)	20460	ACORAZADO (17)(C,A,S)(D) G L Moore 5 9 2	*49	

86 ADANTINO (21)(CD,C,A,F)(B) 8 Milman 5 9 2 3 Jrowne 505 NIGHT STORM (17)(D,A) 5 Dov 3 9 7 J Quinn 3 5 06 KINDLELIGHT DEBUT (41)(D2,F) 0 hory 49 1 D 0 Neill 3 2 000 ROWAN PURSUIT (17)(CD,C,D,A,F)(B) J Akchurat 3 9 05 Carson 46

Star Betting:— 5 Ali Bruce, Adantino, 11-2 Port St Charles, 8 Prino of Gold, Acorazado, 10 Nearly A Fool, Kindlelight Debut, 12 others.
BEST DRAWN: Prince of Gold (drawn 4) 13%, H Harrison (drawn 5), Night Storm (drawn 3) & Zariano (drawn 7) 9%.

STARFORM: ALI BRUCE D: Hurricane Floyd

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2.20 FLAVIN, BRADSTOCK & RBS HANDICAP Class E3 6f (12 runners) £3,494
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1(11) 24110 CHEROKEE NATION (17)(CD,D3,A,F,G) P D'Arcy 3 9 11
T Quinn 59
2(10) 60311 CURRENCY (10)(CD.D8.A.F) J Bradley 7 9 11
3 (9) 63232 INDIAN STEPPES (17)(D2.A) J C Poulton 5 9 11G Faulkner 52
4 (2) 04300 ANOTHER GLIMPSE (35)(CD2,A,F,G)(T) Miss B Sanders 6 9 10
S Drowne 45
5 (6) 53211 SMOKIN JOE (17)(CD2.C.A)(B) J R Best 3 9 8
6 (7) 26804 MILLION PERCENT (17)(D5.F.G) K R Burke 5 9 8
Darren Williams 60
7(12) 06003 FRANKSALOT (B)(C.A.F) Miss B Sanders 4 9 7 S Carson 56
8 (3) 30663 MIRASOL PRINCESS (3)(F) D Ivory 3 9 7 D O'Neill 54
9 (8) 00100 BROWN FOX (51)(D,G,S) G L Moore 3 9 7
10 (1) 16205 MADDIE'S A JEM (24)(D2.F.S)(V*) J Jenkins 4 9 5 E Ahern 56
11 (4) 21040 HOH BLEU DEE (98)(D2,F) T Keddy 3 9 5
11 [4] 21040 MOH BLEU DEE (98)[D2,F] I RECOY 3 9 5
12 (5) 15001 SIMPSONS MOUNT (76)(CD,D,A,F) R Flower 3 9 4 D Sweeney 55
Star Betting:— 4 Currency, 9-2 Indian Steppes, Smokin Joe, 8
Cherokee Nation, Simpsons Mount, 10 Million Percent, 12 Another
Glimpse, Mirasol Princess, 14 others.
BEST DRAWN: Smokin Joe (drawn 6) 22%, Indian Steppes

STARFORM: CURRENCY D: Indian Steppes	
2.50 FIRST CO ACQUISITIONS HANDICAP Class D2 1m (12 runners) £6,6	
LIJU Class D2 1m (12 runners) £6,6	88
1 (1) /6101 DESERT LORD (3)(C,A,F) D Flood 4 9 11(6ex)	61
2 (2) 000-6 FOLIO (136)(F) W Musson 4 9 6	66
3(11) 53021 BINANTI (11)(D,A,F)(V) P Chamings 4 9 4	68
4(10) 04000 STEELY DAN (35)(CD,C6,A,S) J R Best 5 9 3	58
5 (9) 31000 MARKO JADEO (22)(A,F,G) K Morgan 6 9 3T P Queally	70
6 (7) 22026 ECCENTRIC (64)(C2,A) A Reid 3 9 1	70
7 (4) 25205 JUST FLY (8)(C,A,F) S Kirk 4 9 1	78
8 (3) 24103 COMPTON DRAKE (24)(BF,C2,D,A,F,S) G A Butler 5 8 13	
9 (8) B0416 ATLANTIC QUEST (11)(CD,D3,A,F)(V) K R Burke 5 8 13	*81
Darren Williams	56
10(12) 22310 ADMIRAL COMPTON (35)(CD,A) J Boyle 3 8 10 K Falion	69
11 (5) 24410 STRIDER (112)(BF,S) P Evans 3 8 10	59
12 (6) 05403 SUMMER RECLUSE (B)(CD,C,A) J Bradley 5 8 7P Fitzsimons	
Star Betting:— 4 Compton Drake, 9-2 Desert Lord, 6 Binar	ti 7
Admiral Compton, 8 Atlantic Quest, 10 Just Flv, 12 Folio, Marko Jade	

BEST DRAWN: Just Fly (drawn 4) 10%, Binanti (drawn 11) 9%	
STARFORM: DESERT LORD Danger: Binanti	
3.20 FIRST CHOICE HANDICAP (Div 2) Class F4 1m2f (13 runners) £2,	948
1 (4) 4-000 BATHWICK BRUCE (4)(C,A,G,S)(T) B Milman 6 9 7 G Baker	30
2(11) 40620 FORTUNE POINT (J23)(CD,A,S)(V) A Carroll 6 9 5	46 53
4 (6) 41302 IFFY (15)(D,F) P Cundel 3 9 3	53
5 (7) 35/20 GRAND IDEAS (42) J C Poulton 5 9 3	11 55
7(10) 03506 JOMUS (47)(C,A) L Montague Hall 3 9 1	*70
8(13) 56266 GOLD GUEST (18)(CD2,A,F,S) J Hetherton 5 9 0J Dekeyser 9 (5) 34625 MY MAITE (6)(CD.A.F)(V.T) R Ingram 5 8 13J Loveridge(7)	55 55
10 (1) 13000 MY LILLI (24)(C,A) P Mitchell 4 8 11 R Hughes	52
11 (3) 5-000 TRISHAY (6) J Boyle 3 8 9 E Ahern 12 (2) 00000 ABBEYGATE (8)(P) T Keddy 3 8 8 C Haddon(5)	12
13(12)002535 INDIAN BLAZE (1)(CD3,C,A,F,G,S) A Reid 10.85T P Queally Star Retting: — 3 lffv. 4 Indian Blaze 7 Graft 8 Grand Ideas	37 Gold

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Guest, 10 Fortune Point, My Maite, 14 others.
BEST DRAWN: Trishay (drawn 3) 13%, My Maite (drawn 5) 12%. STARFORM: IFFY Danger: My Maite

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1 (6)00045 ARCTIC BURST (20)(D,G)(D) D Shaw 4 8 11	
S Whitwort	h 33
2 (9) 02400 BACK IN SPIRIT (14)(D,A)(T) B McMahon 4 8 11	
Stephanie Hollinshead(5) 27
3(14) 00600 BIJOU DANCER (14)(D) M Bosley 4 8 11Joanna Badge	er 35
4(10) 00000 CATCHABIRD (J33) K Wingrove 6 8 11V Slatter	y 39
5 (3)65000 INDIAN MUSIC (10)(CD2,C.D.A.S) A Berry 7 8 11	
F Norto	n 31
6 (2) 00553 LAKE EYRE (9) J Balding 5 8 11 J Edmund	s 35
7 (5) 00260 LAKE VERDI (108)(D.F.G)(B.T) Miss G Kelleway 5 8 11	
P Cosgray	e +48
8 (1) 20542 MR UPPITY (9)(E) J C Poulton 5 8 11	
9(12) 05006 OFF HIRE (20)(A.F.G.S)(V) C Smith 8 8 11	k 35
10 (7) -0030 PRINCE OF PERLES (288)(V) D Shaw 3 8 11	n 27
11 (4) 20000 SAINTLY PLACE (13)(V*) C Smith 3 8 11	5) 41
12(13) 30004 STAR LAD (9)(CD,D,A)(B) R Brotherton 4 8 11 R Thomas(7 41
12(13) 30004 STAR LAD (9)(CD,D,A)(B) H Bromeron 4 8 11 H Thomasi.	3) 35 ie 31
13(11) 00500 STAVROS (9) J Wainwright 4 8 11	e 31
14 (8)006500 THE GAMBLER (1)(D,F)(B,T) Paul Johnson 4 8 11	
DOUBTFU	L 33

Ster Betting: — 5-2 Mr Uppin; 9-2 Lake Eyrs, 5 Lake Sevil, 8 Star Lad, 10 Arcite Burn; 12 Back in Sprill O'Hilm's 14 Star BEST DRAWN: Lake Verdi (drawn 5) 11%. The Gambler (drawn 8), Saintly Place (drawn 4), Catchabird (drawn 10) & O'ff Hire (drawn 12) 9%.

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STARFORM: LAKE EYR	RE D: Prince O	Perles
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1.30 BET DIRECT CL Class H5 1m4f	AIMING STARE	
Class H5 1m4f	(14 runners)	£1,474
1 (8) 00040 ARABIAN MOON (17)6	D3.F) R Brotherton 8 9 1	0
	RKi	nascate(7) 45
2(14) 40240 EL PEDRO (10)(D,A,F)(E	3) R Harris 5 9 10	Savage(5) 31
3(11) 601-0 INVER GOLD (348)(BF	,C,D2,A) A Newcombe	7 9 10
		Whitworth -
4 (9) 00506 TURFTANZER (50)(G)(
	Janice	Webster(7) -
5(13) 36055 KENTUCKY BULLET (1	48)(CD,C,D3,A,S) A N	swcombe 8 9 8
6 (7) 00460 SPANISH STAR (7)(CD2	00 D A C1 U- 11 U	L Keniry(3) *53
6 (7) 00400 SPANISH STAR (7)(CD2	CJ,UJA,SJ MIS N MICH	P Makin(5) —
7 (4) 02050 VRUBEL (6)(S)(B,T) V Sn	nith 598 Ro	
8 (3) 00000 DARK CUT (J11)(S) HA	exander 4 9 6	
9(10) 00U01 MINIBULE (J125)(D.G.S	N Wilson 4 9 5 P	Mathers(5) -
10 (6) 03631 MOLLY'S SECRET (25)(D2.A.F)(P) Miss S Wilton	695
	L	Fletcher(3) 35
11(12) PENNY'S CROWN (J68)	G Ham 5 9 5	A Daly -
12 (2) 12014 RADIANT BRIDE (289)(BF,C,A) K R Burke 495	N Callan 42
13 (5) 00000 RUMOUR MILL (104)(B)	R Harris 3 9 5	V Slattery —
14 (1) 50030 VALIANT AIR (11)(B) JV		
Star Betting:— 3 Molly's Secret	t, 7-2 Hadiant Bride,	4 Minibule, 10
Kentucky Bullet, 12 Arabian Moon,	El Pedro, Inver Gold,	Spanish Star,
14 others.	F) 000/ W	to Dellat
BEST DRAWN: Rumour Mill (c	rawn 5) 22%, Kentuc	ky Bullet

STARFORM: MOLLY'S SECRET D: El Pedro

TONY LEWIS	STAR TIP							
STAR LAD	1.00 MR UPPITY							
KENTUCKY BULLET	1.30 RADIANT BRIDE							
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JOYCE'S CHOICE	2.30 WHINHILL HOUSE							
COOLFORE JADE	3.00 COOLFORE JADE							
GET TO THE POINT	3.30 GET TO THE POINT							
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GOING: Standard								

2 (3):0000 CARMANIA (8) R P Elibit 81 2 4 (3) 0000 SUMMER CHARM (94) V lance 8 9. 5 (2) 0000 AMANDERICA (138) M Chapman 8 8. 6 (1) 0000 ALDY LUISA (4)(9) Mass 8 (5):001 8 8 0. 7 (8) 0000 SOUMILLON (9)(V*) Ms Debomb 1 Evans 8 8. 8 (4) 00055 COSI NA TINE ELIEL (4)) Ms Debomb 1 Evans 8 8. rentiman(7) 31
Lisa Jones 26
B Reilly(3)
Ann Stokell *41
A Nicholls 12
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N Chalmer-16

Star Betting:— 6-4 Fantasy Defender, 7-4 Lady Lujsa, 11-2 Cois Na ne Eile, 12 Lane Marshal, 20 Carmania, Summer Charm, Soumillon, 3 Amanderica.

State Desiration of the Electric Lang Marshal, 20 Carmania, Summer Charm (drawn 3) 33 Amenderica.
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BEST DRAWN: Entancy Defender (drawn 5) 16%.
A Amanderica (drawn 2) 16%.
S'FORM: COIS NA TINE FILE D: Lady Luisa 2.30 GERALD'S BIRTHDAY BANDED STAKES
Class H5 5f (14 runners) £1,47

2.30 CERALLO S. (14 TUILIDE.)

(110) SSSS ERRACHDIA (22)[FI M Visitor 4 9 2 P Cengrium 12 (16) SSSS ERRACHDIA (22)[FI M Visitor 4 9 2 P Maharis 1 9 2 J Edwards 24 (14) SSH 1 OVERS CHOICE (20)(CD,D2A,SI(V) J Visitoring 15 9 2 P Maharis 1 2 9 2 P Maharis 1 9 2 P Maharis 1

8 (1):00000 AROGANT PRINCE (28)(DB,A,G,S) C Door 7-90.

9 (2):0000 ELOUDIESS (9)(D,A) Illient 4-90.

10 (4):0000 FULL PITCH (17)(D2,S)(P) W.Jenis 9-90. Kirby Harrist(7) 36 (17):0002 FORRENT (20)(DB,A) (18):000 FULL PITCH (17):0002 FORRENT (20)(DB,A) (18):0000 MINHOL MOUSE (20)(CB,A) (18):0000 FETAMA (14)(D,F) P. Elliet 4-8 13. ____ D Femiliana(7) 18 Star Bettings —7-2 Joyces Choice, 9-2 Kneadella, Ingpit. 1-6 Ordens.

14 (3):0000 PETAMA (14)(D,F) P. Elliet 4-8 13. ____ D Femiliana(7) 18 Star Bettings —7-2 Joyces Choice, 9-2 Kneadella, Ingpit. 1-6 Ordens.

15 STAR Bettings —7-2 Joyces Choice, 9-2 Kneadella, Ingpit. 1-6 Ordens.

16 STAR Bettings —7-2 Joyces Choice, 9-2 Kneadella, Ingpit. 1-6 Ordens.

STARFORM: TORRENT Danger: Joyce's Choice

THE RACES

TRACKFACTS Left-hand all we course of one and a ter miles and a home straight of three furlongs.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) Mrs N Macauley 45 winners, (7% strike rate), -£261.00, K Ryan 38, (11%), -£42.06. (7% strike rate), -£261.00, N Hyan 30, (1170), -2- **3.00** ARCHER BANDED STAKES Class H5 1m3f (14 runners) 1 (6)01606 JUNGLE LION (220)(C2,A,S)(T) JR North 695 D Mc

| (6) (1000 JUNGLE LION (EXCUPLAGAMENT) | D McKeown x beat 2(11) 0540 WOOLFORE JADE (9)(BF,CD,C,A,F) R Hamis C callan 23 (3) 64025 COLFORE JADE (9)(BF,CD,C,A,F) R Hamis X Callan 24 (14) 0545 DANCES WITH ANGELS (11) JUNGL 90 S W Kelly 45 (14) 0545 DANCES WITH ANGELS (11) JUNGL 90 S W Kelly 45 (14) 0545 DANCES WITH ANGELS (11) JUNGL 90 S W Kelly 45 (14) 0545 DANCES WITH ANGELS (11) JUNGL 90 S W KING PRIAM (10)(CD,CS,A,G,S)(P) M Poisson 3 9 0 S W Kelly 45 (14) 0545 DANCES WITH ANGELS (15) 0545 DANCES WITH ANGELS WITH A 6(12) 06000 KING PRIAM (10)(Co,A,d,S)(P) M Polyase 9 30
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3.3	Class H5 1m	(14 rur	nners)	£1,502
1 (2) 05001	GET TO THE POINT	(9)(C,A) Miss J F	eilden 3 9 10	
			Dean Willia	ams(7) 24
2(10) 05031	WALTZING WIZARD	(5)(CD,A,F,G,S		Norton 23
3(13) 03000	HAUNT THE ZOO (2	9NCD2.C2.D2.4	ME) J A Harris 9	95
			L Fletc	her(3) 34
4(11) 40030	ALBEE (11)(V) Miss G	Kelleway 4 9 4	Lisa	Jones -
5 (5) 00606	FOOLS ENTIRE (10)(MISTER REGENT (10)	A) A C Gilbert 3 9	4	A Daly 31 Callan 39
7 3 000-4	SRIOLOGY (57)(T) G	Prodromou 3 9 4	0	Urbina 13
8(14) 00040	CRUSOE (7)(CD2,C,E	2,A)(B) A Sadik :	792BR	eilly(3) 43
9(12) 06200	DUBAI DREAMS (10)(C2,D,A)(B) S Bow	ring 4 9 2P M	akin(5) 43 V Kelly 18
11 (4) 36160	LIZARAZU (10)(P) F. RAHJEL SULTAN (81	MD.GHT) R McM	lahon 690	Relly 18
	•	Step	hanie Hollinsh	ead(5) *49
12 (8) 00306	DANCER KING (J20)	(B*) T Tate 3 8 13.	R W	inston 17
13 (6) -0000	GREAT BLASKET (99) ZULOAGO (11) A New	(F)(V*) E J O'Nell	3 8 13	Patrick 31 nirv(3) 37
Star Bei	ting:— 11-4 Get To Ti	ne Point, 7-2 W	altzing Wizard	10 Haunt
The Zoo, Fr	pols Entire, Mister Re-	gent, Dubai Dre	eams, 12 othe	ers.
BEST DRA	WN: Dancer King (dra-	wn 8) 14%, Fool	Is Entire (draw	m 5) 11%.

STARFORM: GET TO THE POINT D: Cruso

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KIEREN FALLON insisted vesterday that he is not turning his back on his riding career in Britain and plans to return in the spring after a spell in the United States.

The six-times champion, who lost his title to Frankie Dettori this season, will jet off to Florida on Boxing Day.

He has been booked to ride for trainer Pat Byrne in the Tropical Park Derby at Calder on New Year's Day and plans to ride regularly at Gulfer on New Year's

In action at Wolverhampton, where he completed 200 winners for the year, he said: "I am going out there to improve my riding. There are some great jockeys out there and you can learn a lot from them. "I will have the best agent in America (Ron Anderson, who also has the legendary Jerry Balley under his wing) and I am

Kong and Dubai, but not to America, but I hope to stay three months."

Asked when he would be back, he added: "I am not turning my back on Britain. I have some very good horses to ride and plan to be back in April-the season doesn't really start until then. I hope to ride for Sir Michael (Stoute, for whom he won the Derby on North Light in June), as long as he will have me.

"Oulja Board and Motivator were very good to me this year and I am looking forward to riding them again, and I am determined to get the jockeys' championship back, too."

Fallon reached 200 on Mistral Sky when deputising for the sick Franny Norton and he was loudly cheered back into the winner's enclosure where he posed for photographs with the Northampton Town soccer team, who were having their Christmas party.

ON HIS TRAVELS: Fallon

looking forward to it. "I want to get the confidence I had before I picked up the 21-day ban at Lingfield (after his controversial short-head defeat on Ballinger Ridge in March). "It will be a great experience - I learned a lot when I went to California before. "No European jockey has gone out there and made it. They have gone to Hong looking forward to it. "I

exacta: £24.00. csf: £17.53. NR: Keltic Rainbow.

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2.00 (5f): 1, MISS ADELAIDE (K. dlon evens fav); 2, Multahab (B. dlly 7-2); 3, Muktasb (N Cailan 16-2'/21, 1'/21. 12 ran. B. Hills,

unbourn. Tote: £2.00; pl £1.10, £1.40, £3.70. acta: £6.80. csf: £3.96. NR: Premier Tote: £2.00; pl £1.10, £1.40, £3.70. exacta: £6.80. csf: £3.96. NR: Premier Grand.
2.30 (5f): 1, TURN ON THE STYLE.
(D Fentiman 11-4); 2, Blades Boy (N Callan 15-8 fav); 3, Athboy Nights (K Fallon 7-1). 31, 11. 10 ran. R P Elliott, Formby.

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OFFICIALS at Fakenham had no choice but to abandon yesterday's meeting after temperatures failed to rise sufficiently to remove the frost in the

ground.
After an inspection at 8am that was initially thought to be only precautionary, clerk of the course David Hunter had been "fairly confident" about racing going ahead at the Norfolk track, but after another look at 10am, the decision was made to call it off.
The forecast was for four degrees of frost and we were hopeful that we would get away with it," said

Hunter.

"The forecast air temperature was for it to drop to

four or five degrees below, and we were told that it would rise to about five or six, but that just has not happened," he added.



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Whistle set to blow 'em away aga

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ping off at Meadowhall shopping mall on the way! This week Whistle has taken a few days off to fly to Northern Ireland to be a guest at Sheffield player-coach Rob Stewart's wed-

guest at Silefinell player coach Rob Stewart's wed-ding, leaving training in the hands of Dave Matsos and Vezio Sacratini. He said: "You can get stale doing the same thing day in, day out and we are doing different things to keep motivated."

NOTINGHAM'S John Craighead could be out for a month with mumps. A Panthers official said: "The medics can do little, it is a virus and it has to work its way through his system."

BASINGSTOKE have given Brian Worrall a month's contract after he

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CARDIFF boss Dave Whistle is on course for an historic treble—and he owes it all to 10-pin bowling, days out at the races and shopping trips! The Devils have opened up a three-point lead at the top of the Elite League as he heads towards winning the title at a THIRD different team. Whistle led Bracknell to the championship in 2000, repeated the feat with Belfast in 2002, and is now favourite to complete his hat-trick. And it's all down to his uncorthodox man-management methods which include a full social diary for his players take training! The Devils have thour on the bound of the boundary of the boundary of the players and the local bowling alley every Tuesday night and are planning a New Year trip to Chepstow races. For their recent trip to Sheffield the club hired a nuxury stretch limo with its own bar and an executive box for the wives, stop-

BRIGHTON BEARS have climbed to the summit of the BBL Championship table.

The champions have been in red-hot form and are now tied with London Towers and Westfield Sharks Sheffield on 22 points, but the Bears are on top courtesy of their superior record of 11-2.

Coach Nick Nurse said it would be "amazing" if they could win both their weekend games, against the Scottish Rocks and Sheffield Sharks, and that's just what they did.

Friday night was a dress rehearsal of next month's BBL Cup Final as Brighton hosted the Rocks. It was a tight game, but the Bears ran out 82-72 winners.

They travelled to Sheffield on Sunday, with the Sharks equal at the top at that stage after Friday's B1-89 victory over Thames Valley.

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Slip

It was another closely-fought game, but Sheffield let it slip in the fourth quarter. Yorrick Williams made 14 points, 12 of those from beyond the care from beyond the arc, including back-to-back three-pointers that gave Brighton the lead at 77-80.

A last-minute three of his own from former Bears star Sterling Davis tied the

game at 84 before Andrew Alleyne and Steve Lepore sealed victory for Brighton with last-ditch hoops.
Three of the four BBL Trophy semi-finalists are now in place, after Newcastle Eagles beat Teesside Mohawks, and London Towers eased past Birmingham Bullets.

Towers await the winners of next Wednesday's game between Plymouth and Brighton, while the Eagles face holders Chester.



■ from RODNEY WHITE in Port Elizabeth SUPER Simon Jones put two years of frustration behind him to conjure a stunning spell which put England on course for a famous first Test win over South Africa.

The Glamorgan seamer justified his selection over James Anderson with a match-winning blast of 4-18 in 7.1 overs after lunch on the fourth day.

Jones sparked a collapse which saw South Africa lose their last six wickets for 28 runs and slump to 229 all out, leaving England a victory target of 142.

And by the time bad light stopped play 12 overs early, England had overcome a shaky start to move within sight of a record eighth successive Test triumph on 93-3.

Casualty

But it was Jones who took the plaudits, nearly two years after his career was put in doubt by the cruciate injury he suffered dur-ing the opening Ashes Test against Australia in Brisbane.

e opening Ashes Test against Australia Brisbane.

Having battled back from that horrific injury which sidelined him from Test cricket for 15 months, Jones played his part in England's magnificent series triumph in the West Indies last spring.

But his progress was again interrupted as he was ruled out of the final two Tests against New Zealand last summer with a potential stress fracture of his right foot.

But England kept faith and the big Welshman repaid coach Duncan Fletcher and

skipper Michael

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Vaughan with a stunning spell just after he was introduced into the attack six overs after lunch.

South Africa, who resumed just 11 ahead on 99-2, had progressed to 152-3, with skipper Graeme Smith the only casualty after he was magnificently caught in the deep by the inspired Jones.

Jacques Kallis was making the most of a "life" he received after some sloppy catching from Mark Butcher and the all-rounder looked ominous on 61. But Jones turned the game on its head with two wickets in two balls. First be struck Kallis on the back pad to secure a straightforward leg before.

Then he got lucky as umpire Simon Taufel upheld an appeal for a catch behind when the bal seemed to flick the top of

ENGLAND seam hero Simon Jones pinpointed the catch he took to dismiss Proteas skipper Graeme Smith as the spark to his superb bowling spell.

Smith top-edged a hook off Andrew Flintoff and Jones made good ground from fine leg to dive and scoop up the catch.

"You just try and get yourself

LIFT OFF:

Jones is

hugged by fellow

quickie Matthew

Hoggard

"You just try and get yourself in the right position and if it

■ from RODNEY WHITE

sticks, it gives you a buzz and that's good when you're bowling," said Jones. The Glamorgan bowler said England went out determined to take control of the match. He added: "We knew it was a massive day for us. "If we were going to win this match we knew we had to do

very well in the first two sessions." south Africa's Shaun Pollock

south Africa's Shaun Pollock said the hosts were disappointed with their performance but had not given up hope of winning or drawing the match, especially as rain is forecast. He added: "We talked about the fact that 270 hasn't been

got too many times in the past at this ground and we had to





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HEAD BOY: Simon Jones is mobbed by his England colleagues after bowling Thami Tsolekile

Shaun Pollock's pad.
Andrew Hall just kept
out Jones' hat-trick ball
but 10 overs later he outwitted young wicketkeeper Thami Tsolekile with
a slower ball which

er Thami Tsolekile with a slower ball which clipped the rookie's off-stump.

Then he grabbed his fourth wicket with another low decision, this time against Proteas quickie Makhaya Ntini, while South Africele denies was Makhaya Ntini, while South Africa's demise was complete two overs later when Hall was ludicrously run out off a no-ball after

taking on Graham Thorpe's throw from the deep. But any thought of England having an easy time as they chased the 142 to win was soon dispelled.

Fortunate

First, Marcus Tresco-thick fell to the first delivery of the innings, edging Pollock behind to Tsolekile

off the toe-end of his bat.
Then Butcher was fortunate not to follow from the very next delivery as the whole South Africa side went up for leg before. But,

just as in the first innings, England's No.3 was out to a poor stroke soon after when he chased a wide one from Ntini and edged to Smith's safe hands at first

Smith's safe hands at first slip.

That was 11-2 and England's position was looking dicey.

But the composed Vaughan teamed up with Strauss to defy South Africa for 52 minutes, until the captain got a brute of a delivery from young fast bowler Dale Steyn which swung into him and then

seamed away to remove his off-stump. Thorpe then came to the crease alongside assured opener Andrew Strauss, who added an unbeaten 51 to his first-innings century.

SCOREBOARD

Bowling: Pollock 7-2-22-1, Ntini 6-1-16-Hall 9-1-14-0, Steyn 4-1-15-1, Smith 5-

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Total (69.1 overs) 229
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218, 224.

Bowling: Giles 15-2-39-2, Hoggard 12-2-38-1, Harmison 14-1-54-0, Flintoff 15-2-47-2, S Jones 13.1-3-39-4.



get at least that far ahead to put some serious pressure on England. "We haven't played anything

like as well as we would have liked and we have still com-

peted.
"We'll be fighting, there are still 49 runs to get – and I'm sure some of the guys will open the curtains in the morning to see if it's still raining!"



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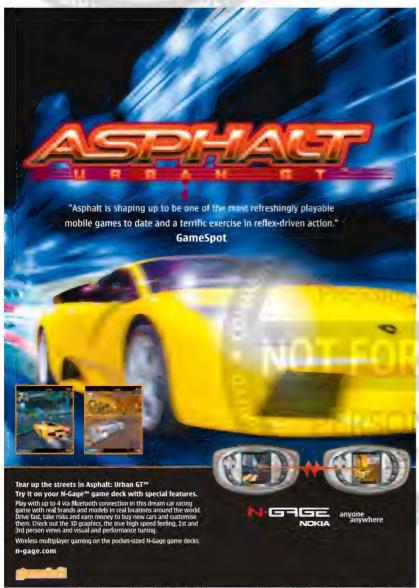
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Praise

Yet despite Jol's praise, Carrick insists he is still off his best and revealed he hadn't even been aware England boss Sven Goran Eriksson was at White Hart Lane on Saturday to see Tottenham thump Southampton 5-1.

Carrick said: "I just played my normal game and hopefully the right people will see the right things.

normal game and moperating dispersions prople will see the right things.
"Getting back into the England setup hasn't been too much in my mind. I've just been wanting to do well and get a bit of confidence.
"Hopefully, if I do that, I can start thinking about England.
"But for now, I just want to help get some results for Tottenham and improve.
"H's great when the gaffer has belief in you. It gives you a tot more confidence and I've much more responsibility on my shoulders now.
"Hopefully, I can thrive until till make me a better player. I don't with I'm back to my

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think I'm back to my best - there's still a lot of room for improvement. "I always want to do better. I don't think you'll ever be perfect as a footballer."



HIGH-FLYING Middlesbrough could be without star striker Mark Viduka over the festive period.

Steve McClaren's side face Birmingham and Norwich before a Riverside showdown with Manchester United.

But Viduka is struggling after he injured his back during Saturday's 3-0 win over Aston Villa, which strengthened Boro's hold on fifth place.

The Aussie was forced off at half-time and with the hip injury which ruled him out for a month earlier this term still causing discomfort, the odds are against McClaren being able to field his first-choice strikeforce.

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Double blunder turns Liam from hero to ze



LIAM ROSENIOR last night found out how quickly you can turn from hero to villain

can turn from hero to villain in the sometimes cruel game of football.

Eight days ago the Fulham youngster was man of the match after making a highly impressive debut in the 1-1 draw with Manchester United at Craven Cottage.

Sky TV cameras were live at The Valley to zoom in on the 20-year-old again last night – but this time for dropping a double clanger that handed Charlton victory.

The first moment the midfielder will want to forget came in the 27th minute as Charlton took the lead through their own promising youngster Jerome Thomas.

After Danny Murphy laid the ball out on the right to Shaun Bartlett, the South African looked up and sent over a speculative cross.

Control

Rosenior's first mistake was to Rosenior's first mistake was to leave Thomas unmarked at the far post. His second was to launch himself awkwardly at the floating ball in an attempt to deflect it away. The result was what can only be described as an 'air' header as he missed the ball completely, allowing it to land at the feet of Thomas. The former Arsenal kid looked a bit surprised, but managed to control and sidefoot past Edwin Van der Sar to claim his second goal of the

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by DAVID WOODS Charlton____ Fulham ...

season. Curiously, winger Thomas opted to 'do a Thierry Henry' standing still and looking glum, rather than celebrate in the fashion you'd have expected.

It got worse for Rosenior in the second half, when he was responsible for letting Charlton in again. He was booked in the 66th minute after tugging back Thomas on the left edge of the Fulham penalty area.

Murphy soung over the resulting free-kick, and Moroccan ace Talat El Karkouri leapt up to head the ball past Van der Sar.

Charlton knew a victory would take them to seventh, a nice position to be at Christmas for manager Alan Curbishley, who earlier in the season had endured a spell in which just one point was picked up out of 12.

But 12 points from the last 18 before last night lifted spirits and there was an air of confidence about The Valley at kick-off.
However, it was Fulham who had the ball in the net first last night. But Andy Cole's 16th-minute effort was disallowed as he was offside when he collected midfielder Steed Malbranque's poked throughball. A

minute later El Karkouri rose well

minute later El Karkouri rose well to connect with Murphy's corner, but his header was well grasped by Van der Sar in the Fulham goal.

Seconds later Papa Bouba Diop scorer of their spectacular late equaliser a week earlier against United was booked for kicking the ball away after Charlton were awarded a re-kick.

Hope

The visitors failed to threaten seriously in a dire first half, when Sylvain Legwinski's long-range drive, straight at Dean Kiely, was their only murmur of excitement. But there was some hope for Fulham eight minutes from time. From a corner, Brian McBride's header was cleared off the line by Murphy, but it fell to sub Tomasz Radzinski, who poked the ball home. It was not enough, though, and Rosenior's mistakes ended up costing Fulham dearly.

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England (Port Elizabeth, 8am).

YESTERDAY'S SPORTWORD ACROSS: 1 Fletcher, 7 Owens, 8 Ryder, 9 Ledley, 10 Graf, 12 Hart, 14 Steffi, 17 Rayer, 18 Leigh, 19 Slattery.

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1 Ernie Els, 2 Danny Wilson, 3
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slipped to 86th place in the latest FIFA world rankings – meaning they are now behind the likes of Burkina Faso, Syria and the United Arab Emirates.

THE FA have launched an THE FA have launched an investigation into the violent scenes which marred the 1-1 draw between Leeds and Millwall on Sunday after West Yorkshire Police made 10 arrests due to fighting inside Elland Road.

BLACKBURN'S Craig Short looks certain to be ruled out of the festive programme because of anamstring injury he suffered against Everton at the weekend.

BRANNLEY'S Nicky

at the weekend.

BARNSLEY'S Nicky
Wroe has signed a
new two-and-a-half year
deal to keep him at
Oakwell.

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HUNGARIAN international Zsolt Baranyos has confirmed he is still poised to sign for Leeds.

for Leeds.

READING striker
Dave Kitson has
been ruled out for up to
two months after
damaging his knee.

DARREN POWELL has ended his loan spell with West Ham and could be back in the Crystal Palace squad for the Boxing Day game against Portsmouth.

Crystal Palace squad for the Boxing Day game against Portsmouth.

SHEFFIELD United manager Neil Warnock has turned to Hearts marksman Mark de Vries, 29, in his search for a new striker.

BURY striker David Nugent, who has bagged 13 goals for the League Two outfit this season, has been offered a new deal to keep him at Gigg Lane, following interest from Wigan, Crewe and Preston.

NEW Oxford boss Ramon Diaz has taken his sons Emilano, 21, and 18-year-old Michael on trial.

BARNSLEY chairman Peter Ridsdale has agreed to step down following a financial disagreement with some of his board members.

TOTTENHAM will sign David Limbersky, 21, from Czech side Viktoria Plzen on loan, with the option of a permanent switch at the end of the season.



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SERIOUSLY football

Transfer window



FREDDY SHEPHERD will resist the calls of a minority of the Toon Army to axe Graeme Souness, just three months into his Newcastle reign.

Souness, just three months into his Newcastle reign.

And justifiably so. For despite the Geordies' alarming slump down the table — culminating in Sunday's depressing 3-1 defeat at Liverpool — only the Scot's most blinkered critics would deny him the chance to spend the cash the Newcastle chairman has promised when the transfer window reopens next week.

Souness' appointment as Sir Bobby Robson's successor came too late for him to bring in his own players, leaving him to work with the squad he inherited.

Fans are split on who is to blame for Newcastle's current probably matched by those who claim Robson is primarily responsible for the club's predicament.

But most hold views somewhere in between.

Though few had Souness at the top of their wanted list in the autumn, they are prepared to reserve judgement until the end of the season, when he has had the chance to stamp his own identity on the squad.

What is not in question is that Newcastle have gone backwards under his management. Again, opinion is divided, with some insisting poor results at the end of last season prove the decline had already set in.

Optimism

The anti-Souness camp

Optimism

The anti-Souness camp counter by claiming bizarre team selections, bad tactics and a confrontational management style are to blame for the current mess.

And the former Liverpool boss's own words hardly help his cause, because he has become a victim of his own optimism.

On arrival at St James' Park, he announced he was the lucklest man in the world to inherit a squad bristling with talent, claiming Robson had done such a good job that only fine-tuning was required.

The soundbites gradually became less upbeat, with Souness saying – not without good cause – that with such glaring defensive inadequacies, he was working with a horribly ill-balanced scund

inadequacies, he was working with a horribi il-balanced squad.

And while he has not gone so far as to openly criticise the man he replaced, last week he came close by arguing that if the squad had been good enough, Robson would still be in charge. Yet the

Souness era started with a nine-match unbeaten run. But, in hindsight, that early form was misleading, with three UEFA Cup whis against Sakhnin (twice) and Panionios, and Premiership successes over Southampton, West Brom and Manchester City. The 4-3 win over City on October 24 was the Toon's last at St James' Park and it is a worrying statistic that of the five clubs they have beaten in the league, kevin Keegan's side – in 10th place are the only one currently in the top half of the table.

Newcastle still see themselves as members of the "Big Five". Yet whenever they have played one of their so-called peers they have lost, often heavily.

Repair

Shepherd is adamant that a club who have become accustomed to competing in Europe cannot afford a season of transition and Souness is under no illusions. Nevertheless, even tough taskmaster Shepherd must acknowledge that with Newcastle nearer the relegation zone than the top six, the months ahead are more about repair and revival than reward.

Souness has already ear-

than reward.
Souness has already earmarked Glasgow Rangers'
Jean Alain Boumsong and
Abdoulaye Meite of Abdoulaye Meite of Marseille as the two centre-halves he wants to bolster a defence which

Harry's Knapp hand

SOUTHAMPTON boss Harry

SOUTHAMPTON boss Harry Redknapp admitted last night he faces the toughest test of his 22-year managerial career to keep his new side in the Premiership.

Redknapp cannot wait for the transfer window to open in the New Year, when he hopes to recruit at least five new players.

He said: "I need players in to get us out of this mess. I will have to beg, steal or borrow a few because this group would not even get us out of the Championship.

■ by PETER WHITE

We are in a real dogfight.
"I have lots of targets, loads of people in mind who I would like to get – it is just a case of trying to get them without spending any real money."

Difficult

The 5-1 hammering at Tottenham left Saints deep in the relegation mire. Redknapp said: "Our points total of 13 at this stage of the season is pretty

horrendous. To get to 38 points is going to be very difficult. A few other clubs are in a similar position and none of us have averaged a point of game so far. "It has all come as a bit of a shock because before I got the job I didn't really take too much notice of this club. "Finding out we might not see defender Michael Svensson again this season because of injury is a massive blow because he is a fantastic player."



UPHILL BATTLE: Harry Rednapp

ewcastle boss as clouds gather on



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has creaked badly this season.
Signing Frenchmen for Newcastle is a risky business, however.
Players like David Ginola, Alain Goma, Didier Domi and Stephane Guivarc'h all left in zerimonious circumacrimonious ous circum-while Laurent Robert and Olivier Bernard both look set to

follow in the footsteps of

follow in the footsteps of their compatriots.

The odds are stacked against Souness succeeding in his first mission – to bring silverware to St James' Park this season, even though Newcastle should reach the UEFA Cup quarter-finals and are drawn against non-league Yeading in the third round of the FA Cup. But he dare

not fail in his second, which is to strengthen the squad significantly in the New Year.
Robson's transfer record was hit and miss and Souness is still paying the price for some of his misses. But he cannot afford any duds of his own.
The transfer freeze might have hampered him on the pitch but it has protected

him from further criticism

him from further criticism off it.
So the jury is out on Souness' Toon prospects, for now.
But if the doom and gloom which has enveloped Tyneside this Christmas has not been swept away by the end of the season, Newcastle may be looking for a third man. looking for a third man ager inside 12 months.

GRAEME SOUNESS has changed his stance since taking over the Toon hot-seat from Sir Here, StarSport traces how and his stances have been stanced.

Bobby Hobson.

Here, StarSport traces how the new Toon boss

- and his chairman Freddy Shepherd – have
gradually attempted to temper remarks made when
Souness was appointed back in September.

SEPTEMBER 13

SEPTEMBER 13
SOUNESS: "This is the best job I have ever had in terms of quality of players and I feel a very lucky man.
"Usually when you get a big job like this, the club has problems. But it's different here because everything is in place.
"It is certainly not a club in turmoil because Sir Bobby Robson has left it in great shape.

because SIT BODDY ROUSEN THE STATE SHAPE.

"I have inherited a talented squad which just needs a bit of fine-tuning."
SHEPHERD: "This season is not about transition. There is plenty to play for and that is not negotiable.

"All the ingredients are in place to win something. Hopefully, that will happen under Graeme."

OCTOBER 20

SOUNESS: "Things have got to change. This club is making headlines for the wrong reasons and that has to be addressed." From the outside looking in, there were obvious problems here. There were too ways."

There were too many non-football issues and it cannot go on."

DECEMBER 15

SOUNESS: "if this squad was good enough, the last manager would still be here.
"I'm left using square pegs in round holes but this is the squad I inherited.
"I haven't suddenly woken up this morning realising what we need.
"Stats tell us where our strengths and weaknesses.

"Stats tell us where our strengths and weaknesses.
"It doesn't take a genius to work out where we need to improve." SHEPHERD: "At the moment our Premiership position is disappointing and we have to improve on that and improve on that we will.
"Graeme knows as well as I do that certain areas of the team need strengthening.

that certain areas of the team need strengthening.

"But he only came into this club in September after the last transfer window had closed, so he has been unable to sign any players."

DECEMBER 20

SOUNESS: "We find ourselves in a difficult situation, we have got to stand up and be counted.

We'll see what we're made of in the

coming weeks.

"We're under no illusions as to what is expected of us."

Zajec all set for **Pompey**

■ by PETER WHITE

PORTSMOUTH executive director Velimir Zajec is expected to be reluctantly confirmed as the club's new manager today. However, Pompey chairman Milan Mandaric admitted last night there was still work to be done to convince the former coach of Panathinaikos to succeed Harry RedKnapp with talks going on late into the night.

Mandaric, who has turned to Zajec after Gordon Strachan decided against a switch to Pompey, said: "There are still some issues to be sorted and I do not want to take advantage of the friendship I have with Velimir.

Agree

"He did not come here to be the manager but at this particular time I am trying to convince him that it would be best for the club. "If Velimir decides he would rather not be the manager, we shall have to look elsewhere.

"But I am hoping he will agree to it, even if we have to reach a compromise with his appointment."

Al: Let's pair up

■ by SCOTT COLEMAN

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ALAN Mahon is back at Ipswich tonight aiming to keep Wigan on top of the Championship table – but he is still tipping Joe Royle's men for promotion.

Mahon, 26, was a big hit when he spent three happy months on loan at Portman Road last season. But Royle did not have the cash for a permanent deal and Wigan snapped him up from Blackburn.

Mahon said: "Both clubs have what it takes to win promotion and if I had my way, we will both go up."

Wigan boss Paul Jewell facing his old mate Roylesaid: "Joe's a smashing manager – a willy old fox and he's got some real good players."

Freddie

■ by DANNY FULLBROOK

FREDDIE Ljungberg will be back in action on Boxing Day after his brain Scare.
The Swede had to have a

The Swede had to have a brain scan after being hit with a serious bout of migraine. He was given the all-clear but told he had returned to training too quickly, which brought on a second severe headache. But Ljungberg will be back in training today after two weeks out and is in the squad to face Fulham at the weekend. That is a big boost for Arsene Wenger, who will be without Jose Antonio Reyes for 10 days due a knee injury.

SACCHI

DAVID BECKHAM and Michael Owen could soon be playing under a new boss with Real Madrid set to unveil Arrigo Sacchi today. The ex-Italian team

boss and European Cup winner with AC Milan will be named as the club's new football supremo. Sources say he will

have the same powers as Sir Alex Ferguson at Manchester United – but won't sit on the bench.

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Which golfer in 2004 fin-ished second in the Masters and the Open, fourth in the US PGA and ninth in the US Open?

Open?

Who is the former Sheffield Wednesday, Barnsley and Bristol City manager, who has just taken charge of Milton Keynes Dons?

In which country will footal's World Cup Finals be passed in 2002.

played in 2008?

In which town or city do Gloucestershire stage an annual cricket festival at a school ground?

Horse racing's Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe is always held in which month of the year?

ANSWERS: See Page 51

Villa's Parker ■ by DAVE ARMITAGE

DAVID O'LEARY'S hopes of landing Scott Parker in the January transfer window have suffered a setback. Aston Villa boss O'Leary was preparing a £6m bid for the Chelsea midfielder next month but Parker has suffered a broken metatarsal that looks like keeping him on the sidelines for two months.

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Parker was at the top
of O'Leary's list of
players along with

Southampton's James Beattle and Spurs' Robbie Keane.

Reattle and spurs Robbie Keane.

The England man, who had come on as a substitute, limped off against Norwich on Saturday complaining of serious pain to the Chelsea physios.

Parker ended up playing out the rest of the match, but was taken for an X-ray at the end where his worst fears were confirmed.

Giggs in a fight over new deal

RYAN GIGGS is on a collision course with Manchester United over his contract dispute. United have offered the 31-year-old only a one-year extension. Giggs wants two years, taking him to 2008. And he is digging in his heels. Harry Swales, Giggs 'career-long adviser, said last night: "I don't think a one-year extension is enough for someone who has been there for so long and given so much to the club. "Ryan is fit and so dedicated and 31 is no age at all. You can't buy the experience and enthustam he has." Giggs is United's most decorated player, having been in the first team for 14 seasons and a key part of the success of the Sir Alex Ferguson years. Although clubs at home and abroad are monitoring the situation, Swales said: "I can't envisage Ryan going anywhere and he doesn't want to go. But I haven't heard anything more since I got a letter from the club a while ago saying they would only offer a 12-month extension. The ball is in their court."

The fact is the club's ple board does not believe in giving extensions of more than one year to players over 30.

JONATHAN Spector is leaving United on loan—and West Brom are favourites to take him. Ferguson confirmed yesterday he is letting the

You're Joaquin

■ by DAVID WOODS

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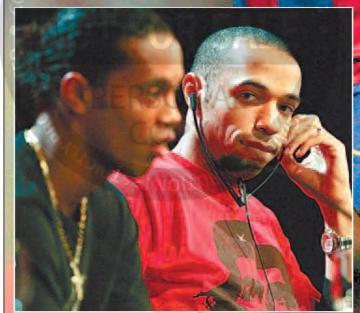
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SERIOUSLY Ronaldinho sticks the boot in by

1980: Born Ronaldo de Assis Moreira in Porto Alegre, Brazil on March 21.
1998: Signs for his hometown club Grenio 1999: June: Makes international debut for Brazil against Latvia, and goes on to announce himself to the world in the Copa America with a stunning solo goal against Venezuela – his first for his country, Brazil go on to win the tournament.
2001: January: Makes dream move to Europe to play for Paris Saint Garmain, 100 on the Copa of the

RON FACTFILE

BRAZIL-IANT:
Samba star
Ronaldinho celebrates
one of the many goals
which have propelled
Barcelona to the top of
La Liga this season BRAZIL-IANT:



O NEAR: Henry eyes up Ronaldinho during yesterday's Press conference

Dire

favourites to take him.
Ferguson confirmed yesterday he is letting the
young American defender
go next month. "We feel he
is ready for the challenge."
Former United skipper
Bryan Robson asked
Fergie several weeks ago –
as reported in Starsport –
if he could take him.

Now he is set to get his wish and not a moment too soon for West Brom – battered 4-0 by derby rivals Birmingham on Saturday – are in dire need of some quality at the back.

Meanwhile, Ruud van Nistelroov's six-week

quality at the back.
Meanwhile, Ruud van
Nistelrooy's six-week
injury lay-off, coupled with
Wayne Rooney's penalty
miss against Palace, has
put Ferguson on the spot.
Van Nistelrooy has taken
29 of the 34 penalties
United have had since his
transfer from PSV in 2001,
scoring 26 of them.
•United have confirmed
that American business
tycoon Malcolm Glazer
has made revisions to the
tentative offer to take over
the club which was
snubbed by chief executive David Gill. But United
have stated Glazer's proposition is 'very preliminary'
and they will not re-open
negotiations until he puts
in a definitive proposal.

only Barca could have made him a prize

RONALDINHO last night insisted his snub to Manchester United and the Premiership was the key reason behind him being crowned FIFA's World Player of the Year.

World Player of the Year.

The Brazilian superstar pipped Arsenal's Thierry Henry and AC Milan striker Andriy Shevchenko to the award in Zurich last night. And Ronaldinho is adamant that his decision to turn his back on Sir Alex Ferguson and other top managers in favour of a move to Barcelona sent his career soaring.

The 24-year-old was lined up for a big-money move to United but enjoyed the best year of his career at the Nou Camp in 2004 after sending Barca to the top of Spain's La Liga and into the knockout phase of the Champions League.

And he admitted after lifting the award that the decision to turn down United's advances in the summer of 2003 was the key factor.

Choice

"I chose the right team and I feel very happy with my choice," said Ronaldinho, whose freak goal for Brazil dumped England out of the World Cup finals in 2002.
"Every day is a new surprise for me and I am very happy at Barcelona.
"I want to be part of the history at the club in a winning period of time and I feel that era is already well under way now.
"From the first day at Barcelona I knew it

"From the first day at Barcelona I knew it was perfect for me. Every day they do something that feels like a surprise. I'm always happy and have never had any doubts."

Ronaldinho became the fourth Brazilian to be named World Player of the Year after Romario, Ronaldo and Rivaldo.

Romario, Ronaldo and Rivaldo.

He collected 620 points in the voting – made by coaches and captains of international teams – with Henry on 552 points and Ukraine hotshot Shevchenko on 253.

England coach Sven Goran Eriksson and skipper David Beckham both chose Henry as their man of the year following his goalscoring exploits in Arsenal's 49-game unbeaten run and Premiership title triumph.

But Frenchman Henry was forced to settle for the runner-up spot for a second year in succession having been beaten to the award by international team-mate and

national team-mate and Real Madrid star Zinedine Zidane 12 months ago.

Team

Henry was almost prevented from landing in Zurich on Sunday night after arriving late because of delays giving a urine sample following Arsenal's 1-0 win at Portsmouth.

But he made it in time and admitted: "You can never say that you are happy if you don't win,

from JAMES DOBSON in Zurich

but there are two tremendous players here.

"When I see Shevchenko playing in Serie A and Ronaldinho playing in Spain they are the guys who get you up on your feet. They are truly great.

"But if you come here two years running that shows great consistency.
"If I had won this I would take it straight back to the dressing room

at Highbury and give it to the team. It is a trophy for the team and I did nothing

the team and I did nothing without my team-mates."
Gunners boss Arsene Wenger admitted he was disappointed that Henry – who netted 39 times in all competitions for Arsenal last season – had missed out on the top award.
Wenger reviseled: "Of

Wenger revealed: "Of course, as Arsenal manager, I feel Thierry should have won. But this takes nothing away from Ronaldinho, who is a spe-"Of

cial player and has had a

ALL THE BEST: Shevchenko, winner Ronaldinho, and Henry

cial player and has had a fantastic 2004.
"Thierry has had another superb year. If you look at the amount of matches he has played in 2004 for France and Arsenal and then you look at his contribution in those matches, it's remarkable.

Special

"Not only does Thierry provide through his goals, but his consistent effi-ciency in matches and also the amount of assists

he creates as a striker is

he creates as a striker is simply fantastic.
"The quality of his game is why he's so special, not only scoring goals but his overall contribution to the team making him a world-class team player."

But Ronaldinho's out-

But Ronaldino's out-standing form – which has helped Barca to the top of La Liga – swing the vote in his favour. And after lifting the award, Ronaldinho said that his sights are now set on Barca's Champions

League showdown with Chelsea – and that he is not interested in a move to Stamford Bridge.

He said: "I never said that I wanted to play for Chelsea. I'm very happy where I am and want to carry on where I am.

"I hope that we can reach the final of the Champions League. We believe we can but it is a very strong competition."

No British-based player has won the award since its introduction in 1991.

Give us Mor for hitman

■ by KEVIN FRANCIS

LIVERPOOL are on the verge of signing long-term target Fernando Morientes – but they will have to improve their £3.5m bid to land the Real Madrid markeman

improve their 23.5m bid to land the Real Madrid marksman. The Merseysiders have placed their offer for 28 year-old Morientes on the table ahead of next month's transfer window but I understand that the Spanish giants are holding out for 77m. Morientes has been in Liverpool's sights since the summer and Anfield boss Rafa Benitez is still confident of getting the striker who has spent much of this season on the Real Madrid bench following the arrival of Michael Owen. Officials at Madrid insist

Officials at Madrid insist Officials at Madrid insist they won't budge but Liverpool may improve their offer to around £5m for the star of last season's Champions League.

Fight

Morientes could have moved to Anfield last August as part of the deal which took Michael Owen to the Bernabeu – but decided to stay and fight for his place.

But the early departure of ex-manager Jose Camacho has left Morientes in limbo.

Benitez has made no

Morientes in limbo.
Benitez has made no secret of his admiration for the centre-forward, and he's been the top priority throughout the season.
While Benitez tracks Morientes, young hitman Neil Mellor has told the Liverpool manager 'you can rely on me' in the hope of securing his senior striking place.
Mellor has burst on to the Anfield season in devastat-

Mellor has burst on to the Anfield season in devastat-ing style, scoring five goals in the 11 games in which he has played a part. Mellor admitted: "I'm conscious January is just around the corner and so it

around the corner and so it may just be that this is my last chance at Liverpool."

Rovers Robbie

from Back Page

him at a time when we need everyone pulling

nim at a time when we need everyone pulling together.

"We might be on cloud nine as we speak after the two derby wins over Aston Villa and West Brom but we are technically still in a relegation dogfight.

"We are six points clear of the relegation zone but anyone who has a bad run can be dragged back into things at the bottom.

"Robbie is also back to his best. He was superb against both Aston Villa and West Brom after a bit of a lull and you don't want to lose him."

But former Leicester star Savage would be tempted to link up again with former Wales coach Mark Hughes and his No.2 at Ewood Park, Mark Bowen, who also worked with the national squad.



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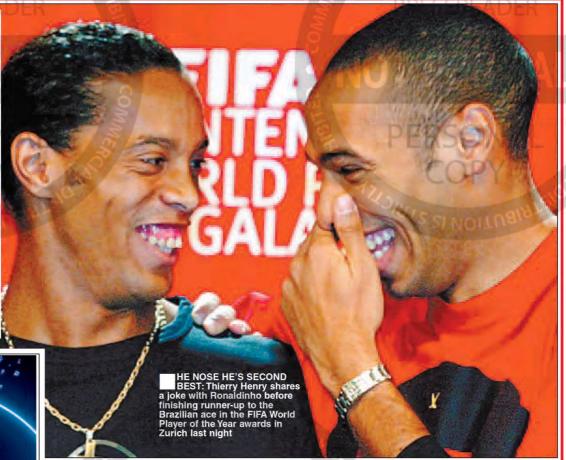
Henry in new race protest

■ from JAMES DOBSON in Zurich

THIERRY HENRY made his own personal stand against racism when he appeared at FIFA'S World Player of the Year awards gala last night. Henry, who was beaten into second place by Barcelona's Brazilian ace Ronaldinho, wore a red Che Guevara T-shirt and a black-and-white wristband. Arsenal's French striker, who wore a smart dark suit when at the same event a year ago, said: "The wristband is just about racism. The players cannot do very much when they are on the pitch, but this is a symbol of how we feel, it is part of a campaign.

"Perhaps we can help to make the public do something. I know it is difficult, but if we can stop it for an hour-and-a-half at every match, if we can get fans to stand up and speak out, that is something good. That can be a victory."

Fergie snub made me World No.1 – P54-55



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■ by GEORGE SCOTT

BLACKBURN have launched their battle for Robbie Savage by faxing a £2.2m bid to Birmingham.

The offer went in yesterday but looks certain to be turned down flat by Birmingham boss Steve Bruce.

The Blues claimed last week that Savage is vital to their chances of continuing to climb up the Premiership table and is going nowhere.

Bruce has been critical of what he believes are behind-the-scenes moves to lure the fiery Welsh midfielder to Ewood Park.

And now Bruce could employ tit-for-tat tactics and make a bid for Rovers striker Paul Dickov, whose family home is still in the Midlands following his transfer from Leicester.

Blackburn are unlikely to give up the fight easily and could step up their move for the 30-year-old when the transfer window opens next month.

Despite Birmingham insisting that Savage is staying put at St Andrews, they could be tempted by an increased offer in the region of £3m.

Clear

Chairman David Gold has made it clear that the Blues do not want to sell Savage considering his recent return to top form, which has helped the club to wins over Aston Villa and West Brom.

Gold insisted: "We want to keen our best

and West Brom.

Gold insisted: "We want to keep our best players, of which Robbie Savage is one.
"We don't want to sell him. We don't want to lose

Rovers make £2.2m bid for Robbie